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**SCOTTISH LEAGUE
CUP SEMI-FINALS**

Special feature:

**Which type of
manager do
you prefer?**

David
O'Leary
(Arsenal)

FOCUS ON JIM BLYTH

OF COVENTRY CITY

BRIAN Cooper, Raith Rovers' longest-serving player and captain for the past four seasons, was recently transferred to neighbouring East Fife for £3,000.

Cooper, a 27-year-old defender, had been in dispute with the Kirkcaldy club since the start of this season when he walked out, objecting to a drop in wages following Raith's relegation to the Scottish Second Division.

Cooper was delighted to be back in the game but admitted he was disappointed his long relationship with Stark's Park ended on a sour note.

During his spell with them he played 300 games. East Fife's bid for him was an attempt to lift them away from the foot of the First Division.

'MACDONALD NOT SO SUPER NOW'

● Long-serving Ards' central-defender Davy McCoy recently made his 400th senior appearance for the Castlereagh Park side, inspiring them to a home League triumph v. Larne.

New club for Dunne

PAT DUNNE, the former Manchester United and Republic of Ireland goalkeeper, has joined League of Ireland "babes" Thurles Town.

Dunne, who started the season as first choice for Shamrock Rovers, was surprisingly dropped by player-manager Johnny Giles, who preferred young amateur Alan O'Neill.

Thurles, who also signed full-back

John Doran from Rovers, were quickly rewarded for their initiative when the newcomers helped them gain a surprise point away to title contenders Drogheda United in a 1-1 draw.

The following week, Thurles went one better when they recorded their first win in the League, beating hot favourites Bohemians 1-0, with a goal by former Bohemian, Sean Sheehy.

KNOCKERS of our game please note... the biggest gate of the season at Huddersfield, 9,370, turned up on the 23rd January for the testimonial for Tony Leighton.

Tony, only 39, was one of the liveliest forwards in the early Sixties and played for Doncaster, Barnsley, Huddersfield and Bradford City.

In the last 18 months he has tragically lost the use of his limbs and voice.

Five managers and international stars like Bobby and Jackie Charlton, Billy Bremner, Nobby Stiles and John Charles, played in a match between an All Stars team selected by Leeds boss Jimmy Armfield, and a combined side from Tony's former clubs.

RUNAWAY Fourth Division leaders Watford are heading for the Football League records. Their points-collecting rate is better than Lincoln City's two seasons ago when they won the Fourth Division title with 74 points — a League record.

The gap between Watford and their immediate challengers could easily widen to more than the 12 points — the lower Division's record set by Q.P.R. when they were Third Division Champions 11 seasons ago. Middlesbrough were second.

And Watford could also be the 14th Fourth Division side to score more than 100 League goals.

AGONY

A MYSTERY groin injury has meant weeks of agony for Aldershot goalkeeper Glen Johnson. A bone keeps slipping out of joint.

Doctors haven't discovered why this happens, but Glen has been forced to undergo treatment at a rehabilitation centre.

"I'm still able to play, but I have been in a great deal of pain," says Glen. "I'm hoping the treatment means I won't need an operation."



On target... on and off the field is Sheffield Wednesday's Tommy Tynan. Apart from being his club's top goalscorer, Tommy is a fine snooker player.

THE soccer philosophy of 18-year-old Queens Park Rangers goalkeeper Peter Hucker is commendable.

"My ambition is to make myself a professional footballer — anything else I would consider to be a bonus," says Hampstead-born Peter.

He has a lot going for him. He won honours at schoolboy level for Newham, London and Essex and has played for an F.A. Youth team.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED will probably never forget their trip to Bury this season — although they would dearly love to.

They had goalkeeper Roger Hansbury injured after only five minutes, defender Lindsay Smith sent-off before half-time and suffered a crushing 5-2 defeat.

As if all that was not bad enough they staggered back to their dressing-room — and discovered a thief had been through their pockets and stolen money.

Most of the players suffered in a total loss of around £50.

And to cap a miserable weekend it was then the Cambridge board first heard manager Ron Atkinson was wanted by West Bromwich Albion. He left a fortnight later.

YAN Novacki is only 19, but he is certainly packing in a lot of experience.

A schoolboy winger with Manchester United, he joined Bolton in 1975, turned professional with them a year later and has since been on loan with York City. In fact, he made his League debut for York against Hartlepool this season.

A winner of England Youth honours at soccer, the Manchester-born youngster has also won honours in athletics at 400 metres.

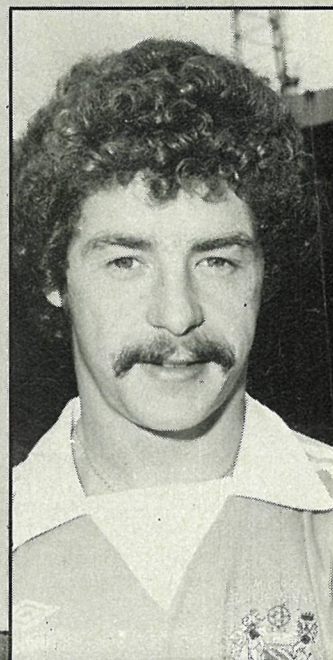
MANCHESTER City believe they saw the decline of Malcolm Macdonald during their recent League Cup Quarter-Final against Arsenal (below).

City left Highbury after the second-leg, bitterly disappointed at the controversial penalty award that cost them the game.

Dave Watson's tackle on Macdonald led to the 75th minute spot-kick which settled the match. But City full-back Kenny Clements (right) refused to allow that incident to determine his views on Macdonald.

"We'd have been appealing just as strongly as they did if it had been the other way round," said Clements afterwards. "I didn't think it was a penalty but that's not the point."

"Malcom did not look the player he used to be. It's nothing to do with the penalty. He doesn't do the same things — such as perform those marvellous runs."



CARL VALENTINE, 19-year-old former Manchester Boys winger, is one of the key factors in Oldham Athletic's rise from 20th place in the Second Division to promotion hopefuls.

Drafted into the team when Alan Groves was sold to Blackpool, Clayton-born Carl has blossomed into a talented midfield player.

Says his manager Jimmy Frizzell: "He marks up well and is improving match by match."

But Valentine refuses to let all this recent adulation go to his head.

"I've got a lot to learn," he told SHOOT. "I'm enjoying every minute of my football and the senior players have helped tremendously, especially Vic Halom and Ian Wood. They've shown me I have been wasting a lot of my energy by running into bad positions."

Debut disaster

PARTICK THISTLE recently spent a club record fee of £25,000 on Rangers' versatile young star Alex O'Hara, but the 21-year-old will want to forget his first game against his old club in a hurry.

Only a week after moving to Firhill, O'Hara returned to Ibrox for the Glasgow Cup Semi-Final tie.

Rangers were 2-0 up at the interval, but goals from Doug Somner

and O'Hara himself took the game to penalty-kicks. Thistle scored with their first three as did Rangers.

Then Jackie Campbell had one saved by Stewart Kennedy and the onus was on Davie Cooper who blasted his into the net.

O'Hara then stepped up knowing if he scored there would be added pressure on Rangers' last penalty-taker. If he missed, Thistle were out of the competition.

He struck the ball low to the right ... and held his head in dismay as Kennedy pushed his effort away.

However, four days later he was smiling again ... after scoring the winner in a League game at Ayr!

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

COLIN ADDISON IS STAYING AT NEWPORT!

ALL the uncertainty surrounding Newport County manager Colin Addison (right) is over.

He's staying at Somerton Park to carry on his magnificent revival job at the Fourth Division club.

The way Addison has breathed new life into Newport has brought other clubs clamouring for his services.

Swansea were first, but he turned them down. Then he got on the short list at West Bromwich, was interviewed twice — and pipped for the job by his great mate Ron Atkinson.

Newport were in a turmoil during all the negotiations and when Addison missed out on the W.B.A. job chairman Richard Ford called "enough".

He had a long chat with Addison, who agreed to settle down to work at Newport and forget any other job.

And Ford showed he meant business soon afterwards by refusing Hereford permission to approach Addison.

That was a dramatic, unexpected development. For it was Hereford who sensationally sacked Addison three years ago — after he had led them from Southern League to Third Division.

Addison was philosophical about the way things had turned out and agrees Newport are right to want things to settle down.

"The chairman feels I owe something to the club — and he is absolutely right. Now we can get down to renewing our bid for promotion to the Third Division," he says.



'KAMIKAZE' BLUES

CHELSEA have one of the best home defensive records in the First Division — thanks to a "kamikaze" training tactic.

In training sessions at Stamford Bridge, the defenders line up in a human wall just inside the penalty-area, and have to stand firm while the forwards blast in shots at maximum power.

The defenders are ordered to throw themselves about to try to get a touch of the ball with any part of their bodies, arms, legs, shoulders, chest or even stomachs.

Aim, of course, is to block as many shots as possible. "Really, it is all about bravery," says manager Ken Shellito. "If you are close to the ball when a forward whacks it, the normal reaction is to flinch."

"But, through this training idea, our lads have learned to live with the pain of the ball hitting them."

LATEST Glenavon signing, industrious midfielder Terry Kingon, has given the Mourneview Park outfit greater strength-in-depth in the middle of the park.

The talented Kingon, 25, previously had a 14-month spell with Ballymena United, whom he joined from Portadown, in November, 1976, after a nine-year stint at Shamrock Park.

Dynamic Terry made a successful debut in Glenavon's table-topping 2-1 home League win v. champions Glentoran, recently; it was also Lurgan pivot Alex Robson's first game against his old club, with whom he gained a League medal last term.

MEMBERS of Fulham Football Club recording the first punk football record: "These Boots Are Made For Walking" at the Marquee Studios in London. Let's hope it's a hit. Fulham deserve success, on and off the field.



JANUARY MOVES

Frank Barton (Bournemouth to Hereford)
Brian Bason (Chelsea to Plymouth)
Chic Bates (Shrewsbury to Swindon)
Steve Buckley (Luton to Derby)
Terry Brisley (Millwall to Charlton)
Tommy Craig (Newcastle to Aston Villa)
Trevor Finnigan (Blackpool to Bournemouth)
Ray Goddard (Millwall to Wimbledon)
Vince Grimes (Hull to Scunthorpe)
Kevin Hector (Derby to Vancouver Whitecaps)
Joe Jordan (Leeds to Man. Utd.)
Keith Osgood (Spurs to Coventry)
Sean Rafter (Southend to Leicester)
Eric Redrobe (Ladbury T. to Hereford)
Gary Shelton (Walsall to Aston Villa)
Graeme Souness (Middlesbrough to Liverpool)

MANAGERS AND COACHES

George Petchey (appointed manager Millwall)
Bobby Campbell (ex-coach — appointed manager Bristol R)
George Eastham (sacked as manager Stoke C)
Ron Atkinson (Cambridge U — appointed manager West Brom)
John Docherty (appointed manager Cambridge U)
John Petts (resigned as manager Northampton)
Allen Batsford (resigned as manager Wimbledon)
Dario Gradi (ex-coach — appointed manager Wimbledon)
Bobby Kennedy (sacked as manager Bradford C)
Noel Cantwell (ex-Peterboro' — appointed manager Boston (N. America))
Harry Haslam (resigned as manager Luton and appointed manager Sheff. Utd)
David Pleat (appointed manager Luton T)
Frank Burrows (ex-asst. manager Swindon — appointed chief coach to Portsmouth)
John Sillett (resigned as manager Hereford)

DUNCAN'S BEEN AROUND

THE boast of many soccer supporters is they have visited all 92 Football League grounds.



But Norwich City veteran Duncan Forbes (left) could perhaps go one better — by claiming to have played on every ground! So far, the popular Scottish defender has appeared on 91 of them in his career with Colchester United and Norwich City.

The missing ground is Millmoor, the home of Rotherham United. Duncan could have appeared in Rotherham's Trevor Womble testimonial on May 2nd, but at the moment it is the same night as his own testimonial at Carrow Road.

Then the current Norwich team will meet the 1971-72 City side that won the Second Division Championship.

EIRE play Northern Ireland in Dublin on March 8th in an Under-21 international. This will be the first meeting between the two countries at this level.

LIVERPOOL defender Alan Hansen will definitely be in Scotland's World Cup squad. Who says so? His brother John, who is still with Alan's former club Partick Thistle.

"Alan already has all the skill and ability needed and he'll be battle-hardened in top-level competition by the end of the season," reasons John, a useful defender himself.

HOPES are high — at all levels — that Ireland will be represented by one team in soccer in the near future.

This follows a top level meeting between officials of the I.F.A. (Belfast) and the F.A.I. (Dublin) in Dundalk recently.

In a joint statement issued afterwards, the officials of both Associations expressed their wishes for an All-Ireland team.

"Several options were considered, including the possibility of an All-Ireland Football Federation which would be responsible for international matches," the statement added.

Harry Cavan, President of the I.F.A. and vice-president of F.I.F.A. said: "I was delighted with the way the meeting went and I have high hopes something good will come of our talks."

A further meeting of the officials is planned for Dublin on March 8.

THIS season's Scottish Cup competition should be the most successful financially — thanks to the £120,000 sponsorship which has come from Scottish and Newcastle Breweries.

Last season the same company backed the competition with £30,000 through their McEwan's Lager.

THE SHOWMAN

You really have to start with **BRIAN CLOUGH** who is forthright, abrasive at times, totally committed and above all successful.

Dave Needham, recently signed from Queens Park Rangers, after spending nearly all his previous life across the road at Notts County, says: "Brian Clough is involved in everything that goes on at this club. He is a human dynamo."

"I have never played for a manager who was able to motivate players quite like he can."

Peter Withe, whose goals have played a big part in taking Forest to the top, has been fined within minutes of scoring a winning goal,

for making a gesture to the referee. He says: "When Brian disciplines you you know it is in your own interests. I'm certainly enjoying the best season of my career and it's all down to him and Peter Taylor."

Clough likes to be honest with his players, which is why such as John McGovern, John O'Hare and Archie Gemmill seem to be following him around from club to club. He also has this unique rapport with his right-hand man Peter Taylor and that goes a long way towards his success — along with his unbounded love for the game.

TOMMY DOCHERTY is a different kettle of fish altogether. His Scottish blood dictated his passion for football, and perhaps his greatest quality is in being able to transmit that en-

WHICH TYPE DO YOU

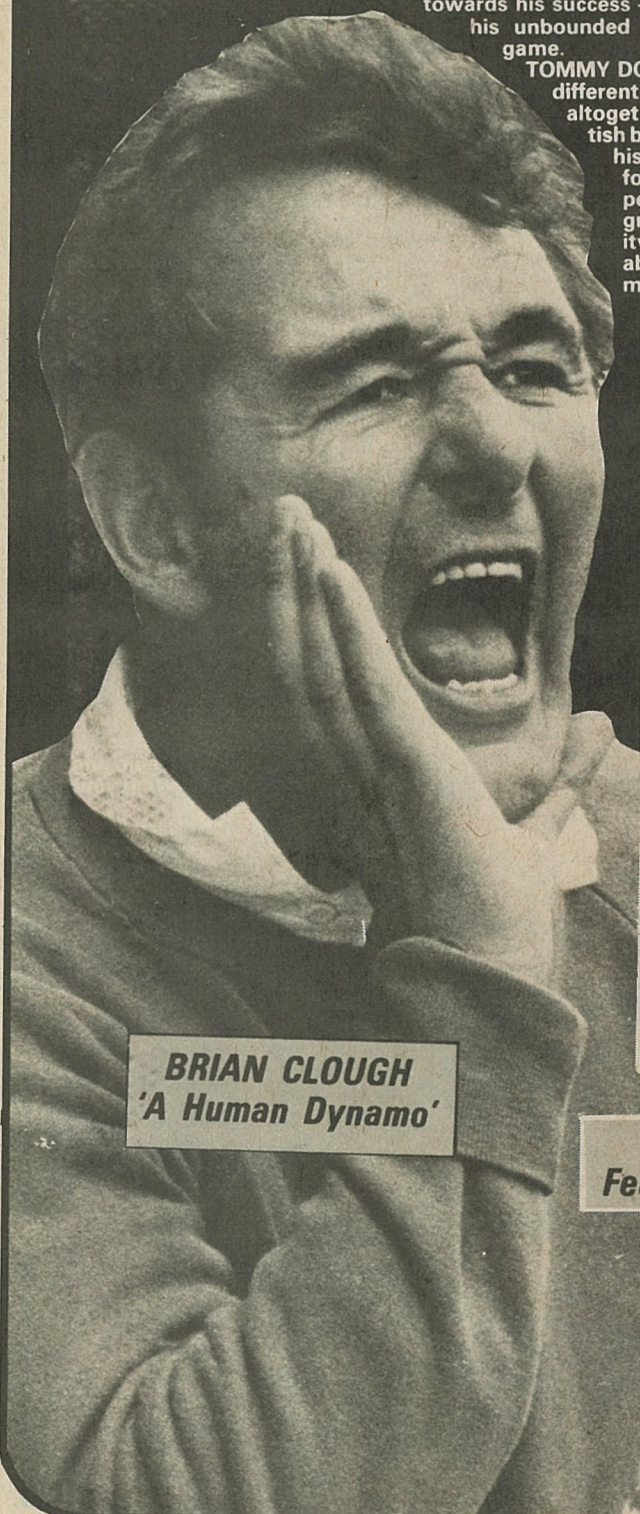
WHAT is it that sets some managers above the others? It's not a new question but it's certainly pertinent right now with that most controversial of all League bosses Brian Clough tearing away at the top of the First Division with his rampant Nottingham Forest.

Tommy Docherty caused a bit of a furore on radio recently when he asserted that to be a successful manager you had to be an extrovert.

"That's why Cloughie should be manager of England and not Ron Greenwood — he's too nice and polite," claimed The Doc.

He also suggested quiet managers never won anything and earned himself an immediate rebuff from Southampton's Lawrie McMenemy who was being interviewed at the same time — and from several members of the Press who were only too quick to point out that some of these "quiet chaps" had more trophies to display than the Doc himself!

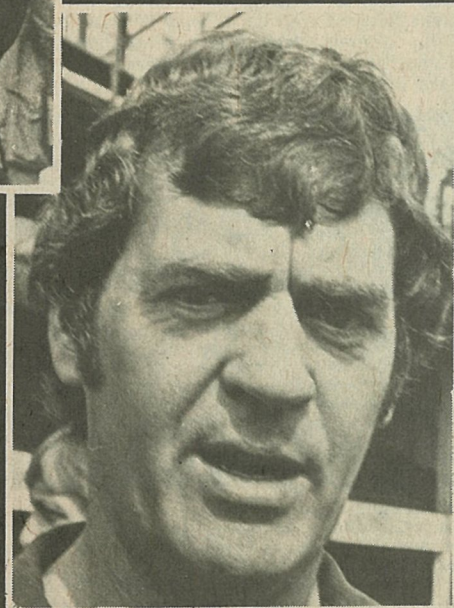
It certainly made for a good argument so we thought we'd carry it on by looking at the different types of managers there are around in the British game.



BRIAN CLOUGH
'A Human Dynamo'



TOMMY DOCHERTY
Fearless in transfer market



LAWRIE McMENEMY
'Can tame a lion'

thusiasm to his players.

He is sharp, witty, compassionate and able to completely dominate a room when he walks into it.

Although he seems to have patched up his differences with Gerry Daly right now, it seems his biggest fault can be falling out with players as he did at Manchester United with Alex Stepney and Willie Morgan.

He insists on buying quality, though, and is perhaps the most fearless man there has ever been in the transfer market.

A manager you think twice before arguing with is **LAWRIE McMENEMY**. At 6 feet 5 inches this ex-Guardsman presents a formidable picture and woe betide the man who crosses him.

In his relatively short time as a manager McMenemy has created a fine impression because of his abilities rather than his size.

OF BOSS PREFER?

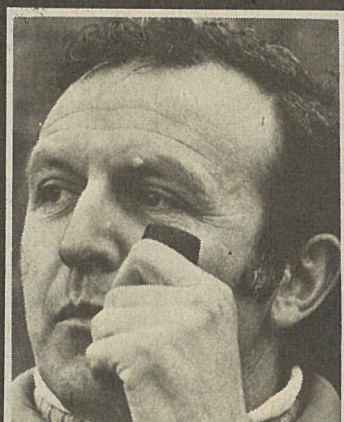
THE QUIET MAN

So those are four managers you hear and read plenty about — but what of the men who prefer the quieter approach?

RON GREENWOOD is generally thought of as the studious, schoolmaster type who cajoles players into action rather than digs them in the ribs with a get-up-and-go sign.



RON GREENWOOD
Schoolmaster type?



JIMMY ARMFIELD
Diplomatic and astute

Alan Ball says: "He is the best boss I have ever played for and that includes Bertie Mee and Harry Catterick.

"With Lawrie you can go to him with a problem and have a real slanging match but he's forgotten about it the next day.

"Look at the players he's signed. Apart from me Peter Osgood, Jim McCalliog and Ted MacDougall, all arrived with 'bad boy' tags, but he can tame a lion and he's not afraid of anyone. His criterion for making a signing is ability and that's how it should be."

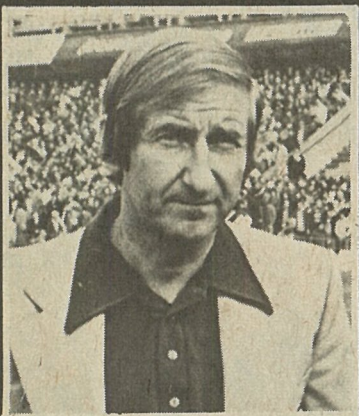
Scotland's **ALLY MacLEOD** is another man who isn't exactly slow in coming forward when the Press are around. He says with utter conviction — yet without arrogance — that he is a manager with a golden touch, a "Muhammad Ali of football".

MacLeod has complete confidence in his own ability and that of his players — not a bad quality to have.

"I know when it comes to making decisions I usually make the right ones, and with the little bit of luck that anyone needs to be successful, I believe Scotland will be among the medals in Argentina this summer," he says.

The Scottish players like him, and probably prefer his more flexible approach to that of previous manager Willie Ormond.

Bruce Rioch said of MacLeod: "He accepts we're grown men and doesn't try to put us in wrappers. We know if we step out of line we're in for the high jump, but he treats us with respect and that is reflected in the freedom of expression he gives us on the pitch."



ALLY MacLEOD
'Muhammad Ali of football'



DAVE SEXTON
Friendly persuader

That is a little unfair to the former West Ham man who has so much to offer English football, and you will find that people like Geoff Hurst and Martin Peters of the older players swear by his doctrine, and other managers like John Bond and Dave Sexton are equally adamant he's the best around.

DAVE SEXTON himself has inherited many of Greenwood's qualities and his style is also based on friendly persuasion.

He made a very quick impression on the Manchester United players at Old Trafford, though, as Gordon Hill has told you in his column, and Dave is the sort the players would love to do well for.

Leeds United's **JIMMY ARMFIELD** is widely-known as one of the game's nice men. You rarely see him shouting and bawling at a player. You do see him having a quiet word of encouragement and Jim reckons he can achieve just as much in that fashion as the other.

All this doesn't mean he finds it hard to maintain discipline. Players have been fined for indiscretions on and off the field, and in a hectic first three years at Elland Road, Jim has had to deal with many tricky situations which he has at all times handled with diplomacy and astuteness.

He has acted as barrister in getting United's European ban commuted, and bartered in selling and buying players.

THE HAPPY MAN

So you see the life of a football manager does not just revolve around the running of the team.

Most of these fellows manage a smile amid it all and that brings us to our last type of boss.

Sheffield United chose **HARRY HASLAM** for the job recently because of his fine record in steering Luton to calmer waters when the boat was really rocking.

In doing so they've also brought a lot of smiles to the city because Harry firmly believes in enjoying your football — and showing your enjoyment.

Known as "Happy Harry" his philosophy is if you can keep smiling through it all then you'll win through at the end of the day. Not a bad thought — and it's just another angle of approach for the ever-mindful manager of modern day football.



HARRY HASLAM
Carries on smiling

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This week's Star Letter comes from Mark Jones of Oxton, Birkenhead, Merseyside, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

WHO'S TO BLAME?

DURING a recent Tranmere/Preston game I was disgusted to see a linesman being carried off as a result of hooliganism by Preston fans.

Because the F.A. place the responsibility for spectator conduct on the home team, Tranmere immediately faced disciplinary action.

Yet one must ask the question: what more could Tranmere have done?

Police were warned about the possibility of trouble and measures were taken so public peace could be preserved. Fans were even searched for missiles upon entering the ground.

The truth is the rule which places the responsibility on the home team is ridiculous in such circumstances.

Away supporters have little to lose by causing bother it appears.

● It's a difficult problem to solve but SOMETHING positive must be done. Even if some innocent fans suffer, I'm all for stiff sentences as a deterrent. I'd like to see courts given more power to punish soccer hooligans (or any hooligans, for that matter). Then, slowly but surely, the message might get through to them.

The Row Continues

CONSIDER these facts — and you may agree Leeds have had a rough deal from the authorities:

MANCHESTER UNITED
1972 . . . Knife thrown at a visiting player. £7,000 fine and Old Trafford closed for two weeks.

1974 . . . Mass crowd invasion of Old Trafford forcing local derby against City to be abandoned. Only a warning for United as they had intended to erect fences, which were thought to be adequate.

1977 . . . Crowd trouble against St-Etienne in France. Banned from Europe initially, but then sentence reduced to a £7,500 fine and the return tie played in Plymouth.

LEEDS UNITED

1971 . . . Crowd invasion v. West Brom. Ground closed for three weeks.

1975 . . . Crowd trouble against Bayern Munich in Paris. Banned from Europe.

1978 . . . Crowd trouble v. Man.

City. Three-year home ban in F.A. Cup.

Does everyone hate Leeds?

STUART COWLING,
SKIRCOAT GREEN.

● Judging by your comparisons, it's not so much a case of Leeds being badly treated, but Man. United getting off very lightly.

Mistake

IN YOUR February 4th issue, you stated on a page for soccer films that Manchester United beat Liverpool 3-1 in the 1977 F.A. Cup Final. The correct score was 2-1.

STEVEN EMSON,
BARNSELY.

● As this was an advertisement, we didn't have the opportunity to check the copy. There were two other mistakes in the advert regarding last season's League Cup Final and the 1977 European Cup Final. We have contacted the firm concerned and checked future advertisements.

United Break-Up

IAM a fanatical Manchester United fan, but I'd like to commiserate with all other Reds followers who, like me, have to suffer Dave Sexton as a manager.

He has taken United down the League, and got them knocked out of all three Cups.

The directors must also take a lot of the blame because since Sir Matt Busby retired as manager they have tried in vain to find a suitable successor.

When they DID find one in Tommy Docherty, who led United to their first trophy in ten years, he was "rewarded" with the sack.

Now, Sexton is breaking up the best side United have had for ages. The only thing certain about United is their loyal fans will always support them.

PAUL LANGFORD,
WINSCOMBE.

● That's a little unfair on Sexton. I'm surprised he bought Joe Jordan, as United seemed to require strengthening elsewhere, but the side needed one or two new faces. Perhaps United's "failure" this season is due to the fact opponents have cottoned on to the way the team plays.

Pen-Pal

I'm a 19-year-old boy from Sweden and I'd like pen-pals who support Leeds United.

THOMAS WIDBERG,
KRONDAMMSV 51,
433 00 PARTILLE,
SWEDEN.

LIVERPOOL fear no one, but in a Cup run there are obviously teams we prefer to avoid, and those we hope to meet. Luck, without which no team ever wins a Cup, favoured us in the draw for the European Cup Quarter-Finals by pairing us with one of the two teams we regard as weaker than the other five — Benfica.

The Champions of Portugal, among Europe's greatest sides of the Sixties — with international players like Eusebio, the Black Panther, and Torres, that tall, slim deadly centre-forward in their line-up — have been out of the headlines in the Seventies.

They went into decline after their defeat at Wembley in 1968 by Manchester United in a European Cup Final thriller that brought the coveted piece of silverware — that now holds pride of place in the Anfield trophy room — to England for the very first time.

It was only in extra-time that the United Reds succeeded in overwhelming Benfica, who played a similar style of game to the Portuguese national side who did so well against England in the Semi-Finals of the 1966 World Cup Finals at the same venue.

But soccer moves in cycles and the Benfica team by all accounts are well and truly on the way back, and romping away to another Championship win.

Although we wanted Benfica as our opponents, we are not under the illusion they are going to be easy to beat. A team on the upswing must never be underrated, particularly when they are playing the Cup-holders. That always provides an extra bit of motivation.

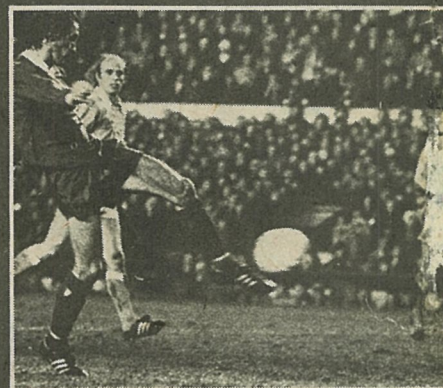
At the time of writing I know little about their individual players. Eusebio and Torres have long gone.

I'm sure I played against some players from Benfica when England met Portugal in the last European Championship. But before the first-leg, in Lisbon's Stadium of Light, we'll be briefed about our opponents.

After the draw, manager, Bob Paisley, flew out to watch Benfica play, but because they were not extended by a mid-table side whom they beat easily by 3-1, did not learn as much about them as he would have liked.

Our European spy, youth development officer Tom Saunders, however, did see them tested to the limit by Sporting Lisbon — the equivalent of our local rivals Everton — and his report should be very valuable.

The match Bob Paisley saw did confirm Benfica suffer from the "English complaint" of poor finishing. We suspected as much after noticing how few goals the Por-



'A LUCKY RAY CLEMENCE talking soccer

tuguese team scored in their path to the Quarter-Finals.

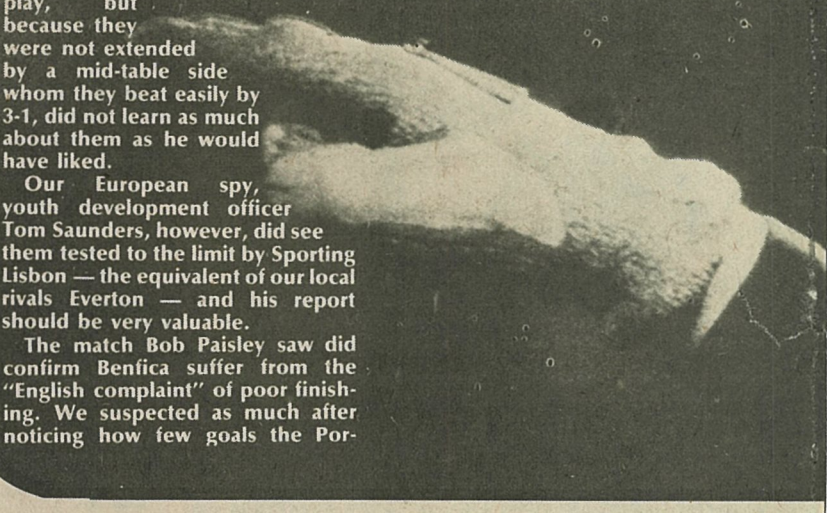
Obviously they are a strong defensive side and difficult to break down.

Apart from being matched with them, the draw did us another favour, by making the first-leg an away one — something we prefer, as the onus will be on them to attack in Lisbon. That could leave them vulnerable at the back, and we have the players to exploit openings.

Away goals are particularly valuable, because, as you know, they count double in the event of teams drawing overall.

A narrow defeat in Lisbon can be rectified at Anfield, where we have the finest support in Britain, on a ground on which many foreign sides fear to tread.

The setback to our hopes of making amends for last season's F.A. Cup defeat by winning it this year, when Chelsea dealt us an unprecedented K.O. in the Third Round, makes us even more determined to hang on to the European Cup we fought so hard to win.





'Portuguese fans saw us beat Hamburger SV on TV'

Borussia Monchengladbach, the West German side we beat in last season's Final, have drawn the side I regard as being weaker than Benfica, Wacker Innsbruck. Even though Austrian soccer is on the upgrade — their national side are World Cup qualifiers — I'm convinced Borussia, whom Kevin Keegan tells me are coming right back into top form in the Bundesliga — should prove too much for them in both legs.

Belgian side Bruges — our fellow Finalists the previous year in the U.E.F.A. Cup — meet Atletico

slack defence and scored within ten minutes.

Through trying too hard we became even more disorganised, and consequently went down 3-1, although they could have won by an even bigger score.

Properly fit and combining well, I fancy our chances against Ajax now.

I've never yet played against an Italian side in European competition, but from what I've seen and heard matches tend to be rather physical, particularly if the Italians find themselves to be struggling.

They betrayed the ugly side of their character in flashes when they eliminated both the Manchester sides last season.

Unquestionably they possess all the skills and are a great side.

It's difficult to forecast the outcome of this clash. If Ajax can produce all their craft and team-work they can win through. On the other hand, if the skilful Italians can control their temperament they'll get the passport to the Semis.

If Liverpool make progress, who do I hope we'll be drawn against in the next stage? Any team but Juventus, because I'd love to play them in the Final at Wembley!

But first we must overcome Benfica.

And on the Saturday before we go to Lisbon we have a score to settle with Manchester United, at Anfield in the League.

We intend to wipe out the memory of a terrible display at Old Trafford in October.

Under their previous manager, Tommy Docherty, United perfected the tactic of wingers hammering hard crosses to the near-post.

Now, with new signing Joe Jordan superb in the air, their wingers have the alternative of aiming for the far post.

Veteran Alex Stepney has given United marvellous service, and I have nothing but praise for his ability and loyalty, but it's given me a lot of pleasure to see Paddy Roche doing so well in goal now.

Paddy had a couple of night-marish experiences in his last spell — against Arsenal and Liverpool — when bad errors resulted in give-away goals, and all credit to him for fighting back and earning a second chance.

I wish him all the luck on Saturday, and that he walks off the Anfield pitch covered in mud and glory — yet still on the losing side.

I can't afford to be too sentimental.

Ray Clemence

DRAW FOR LIVERPOOL'



ABOVE, LEFT . . . Terry McDermott scores against Hamburger SV.

LEFT . . . Manchester United (dark shirts) beat Liverpool 2-0 earlier this term.

Madrid, the Spanish Champions.

Bruges — a very attractive, entertaining side — showed one big failing in our meetings with them — a tendency to be too adventurous, to continue attacking when they should be showing caution.

This was exemplified in the first-leg of our Final at Anfield, when they went in at half-time leading by two goals to nil. Instead of settling for that score — ideal away from home with the second-leg still to play — they continued to go for goals. A fatal tactic against such experienced old hands as Liverpool, with over a decade of European battles behind us.

First Jimmy Case saw a chance and scored — then Ray Kennedy, brought on for John Toshack — then Kevin dealt them the coup de grace with a penalty conversion.

If Bruges have learnt to play the patient, waiting game, then I take them to beat Madrid and go through into the Semis.

The tie of the Quarter-Finals is Juventus v Ajax, a battle between two great teams whose players have helped their countries to win places in Argentina.

Liverpool played Ajax in a pre-season tournament. It was only our second game, whereas they had played something like seven or eight friendlies and were match-fit.

We made the mistake of running about too much and quickly rued it when they took advantage of our

'We've a score to settle with Man United'

I'm really looking forward to our big night in the Stadium of Light, when we kick-off at the unusual time of either half-past nine or a quarter-to-ten. Reason for this is due to the fact shops don't shut until late in Lisbon, and after seeing a live TV screening of our 6-0 defeat of Hamburger SV in the second-leg of the Super Cup at Anfield last November, just about everyone is eager to watch us in action against their beloved Eagles.

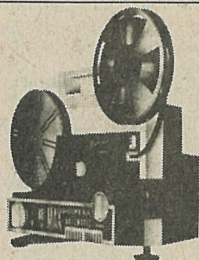
Benfica's coach — former Chelsea centre-half John Mortimer — has gone on record as rating our game against Kevin Keegan's club as "possibly the finest club display I've seen in my life."

I should imagine all the other first-legs will also draw big crowds.



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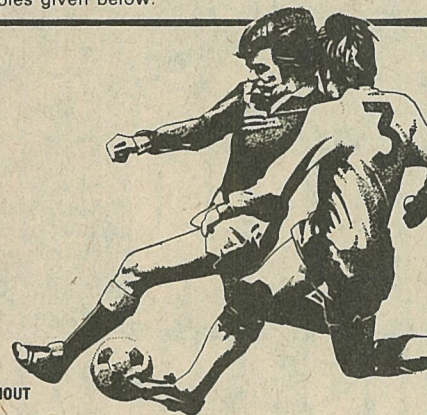
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Wolves young PAUL BRADSHAW, an England Under-21 'keeper and a future prospect for full honours, passes on the big lesson he learnt from his idol Pat Jennings.

'DON'T BE SPECTACULAR!'

TREADING the Wembley turf under any circumstances is a magical experience. And Paul Bradshaw, Wolves' England Under-21 goalkeeper, has never forgotten his brief appearance there in 1972.

Bradshaw was one of the Blackburn Rovers apprentices chosen to carry the club's banner round Wembley in a parade before the F.A. Centenary Cup Final between Arsenal and Leeds.

Recalls the 'keeper: "I was so nervous I smashed one of the lights in the tunnel as I carried the flag out. But it was a fabulous day.

"Ever since then, it's been my ambition to play in an F.A. Cup Final at Wembley. The greatest thing I can think of is to hear that final whistle go when your team is in front."

Bradshaw, of course, would expect his handling to be better if he ever goes back as a player. And he's done well enough at Molineux since his big money transfer from Blackburn early in the season to suggest he'd manage all right.

He arrived at Wolves after less than 100 League appearances for Rovers, but he was already an England Under-21 international and looks an outstanding future prospect.

He says: "I've not found First Division football a lot different, but goalkeepers get punished more often for mistakes. If you drop a cross or don't handle the ball cleanly, there is always someone ready to pounce on it.

"Also, when forwards get chances, you know they are much more likely to get their shots on target. They don't often balloon them over the bar or knock them well wide.

"Realising you've got to make more saves means you really have to concentrate. I work harder in training, too, but I love every minute of it.

"Obviously, in the First Division you're up against big name strikers every week but I don't let that bother me. I just treat them the same as any other player.

"The one forward who has really impressed me so far is Charlie George. I was unfortunate enough to come up against him in my second game at Wolves and he was brilliant. He didn't put one past me but he made two other goals."

Bradshaw, 21, learned a lot from Roger Jones, the goalkeeper he succeeded at Blackburn after the latter's expensive move to Newcastle. But the fellow he idolised from a youngster — and still rates the best at his job in the land — is Pat Jennings of Arsenal.

"For me, he's in a class of his own. Whenever he appeared anywhere in the North when I was a lad, I'd make a special effort to go

and see him.

"The biggest lesson I've learned from watching him is not to be spectacular. Pat never is — he'll use his legs to make a save if he thinks it the best method — and his kicking is unbelievable."

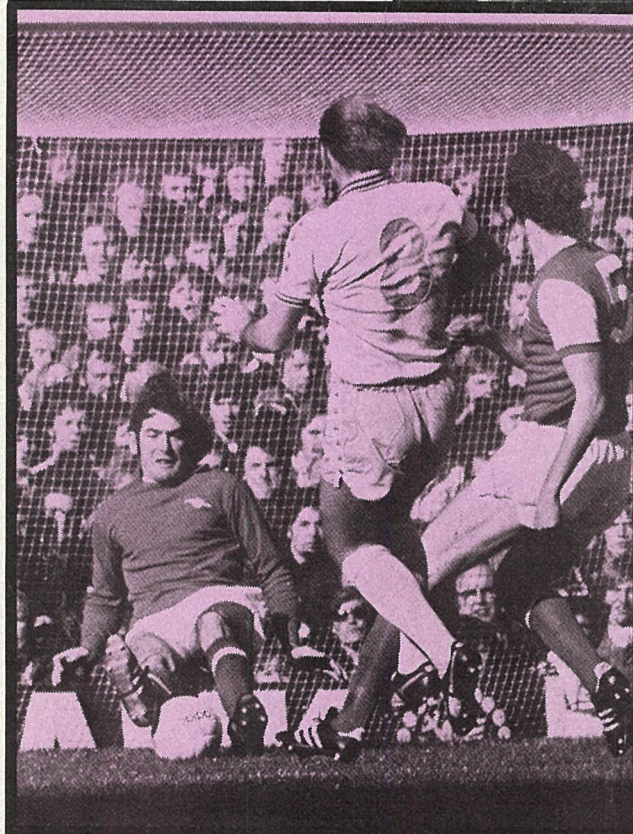
Bradshaw reckons Jennings is the best goalkeeper in Britain, if not the world, but he knows there are a few good ones in front of him for the full England jersey, too.

"People like Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton can obviously go on for a long while, so I'm not thinking about a full England cap yet.

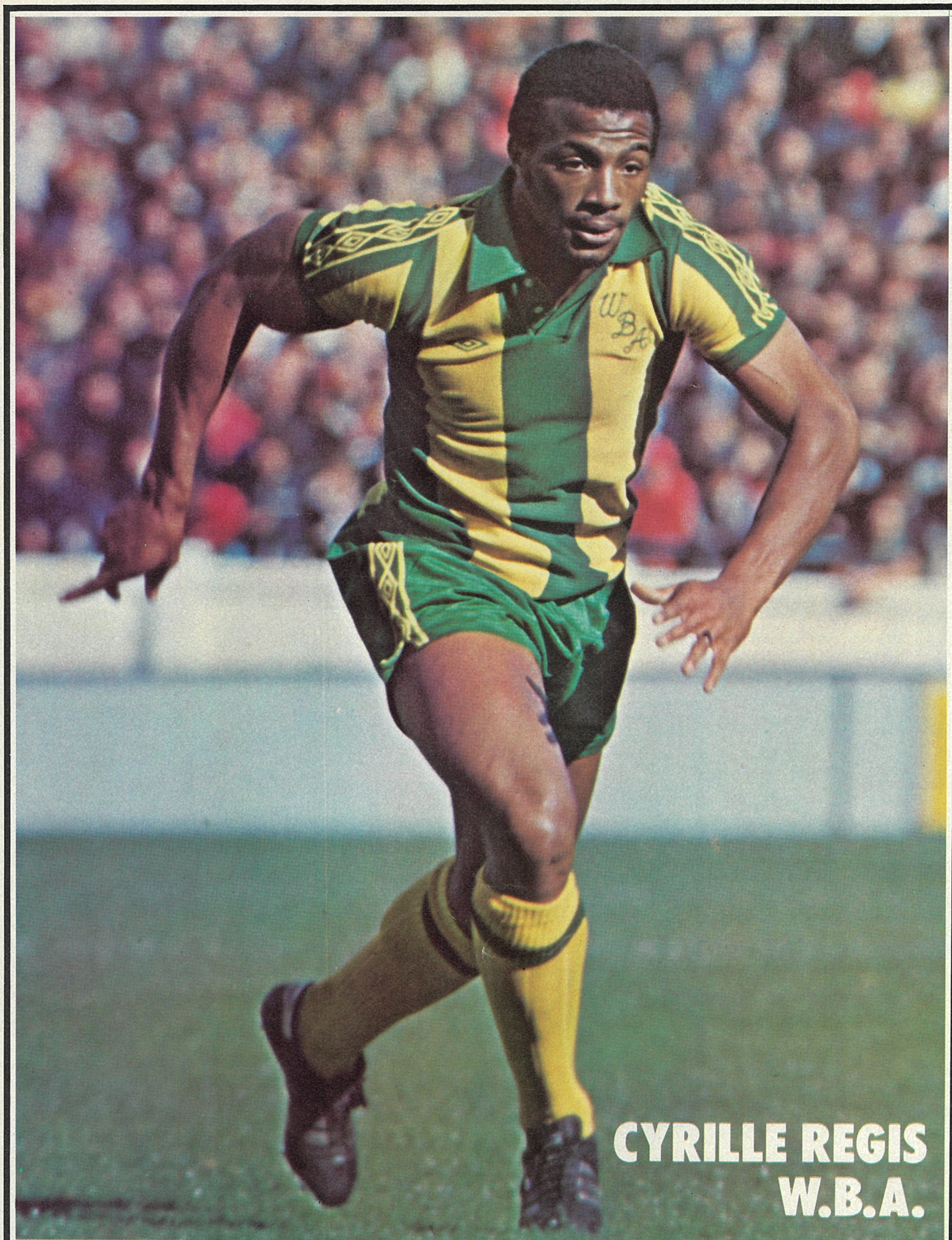
"I just want to get on with fulfilling my ambitions at Wolves. Although we haven't done as well as we'd hoped this season, we're a fairly young side — and there's plenty of potential.

"One of the biggest differences since coming to Molineux has been in the five-a-side games. At Blackburn, I'd come out of goal and have fun on the pitch, even scoring a few goals. But I can't keep up with the lads here."

Sadly, Bradshaw can't realise his dream of playing in the F.A. Cup Final this season. His team were beaten 2-1 at Arsenal in the Fourth Round by a last-minute Malcolm Macdonald goal — "A real choker that."



Wolves' Paul Bradshaw (main picture) has always been a big fan of Pat Jennings of Arsenal (above).



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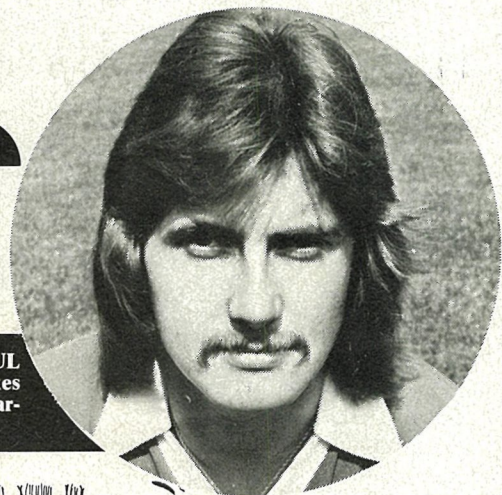
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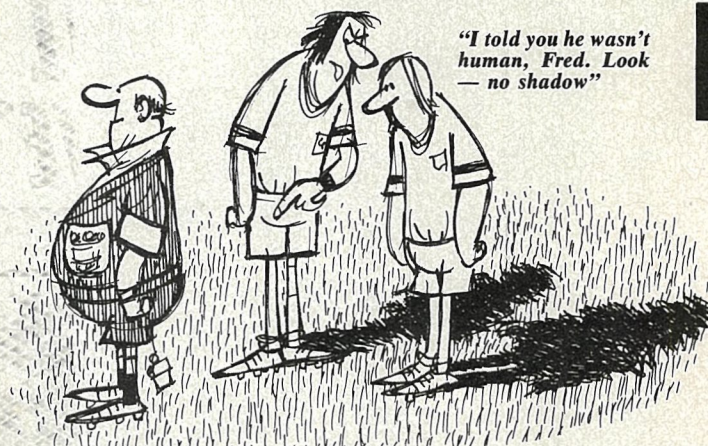


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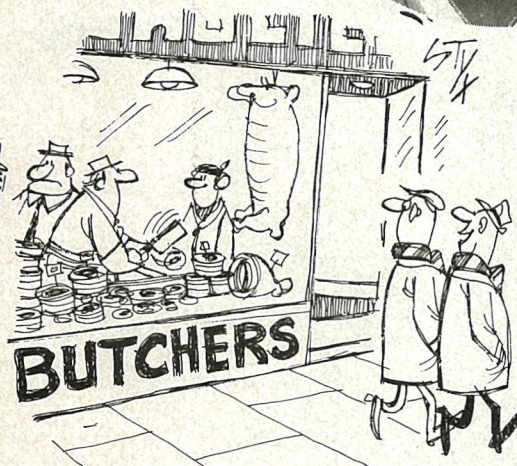
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This week Crewe's PAUL BOWLES selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

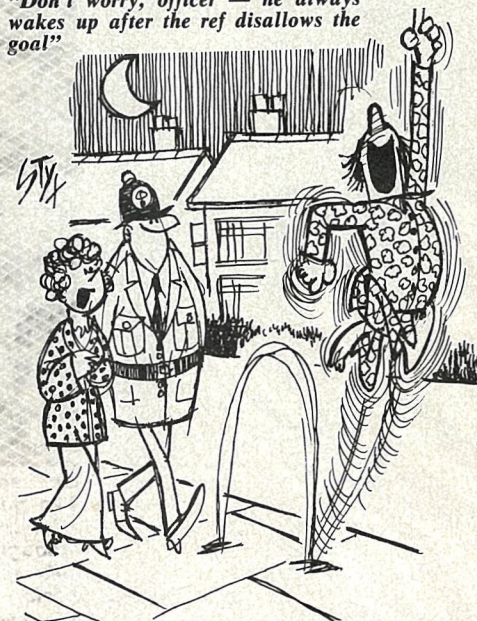


"I told you he wasn't human, Fred. Look — no shadow"

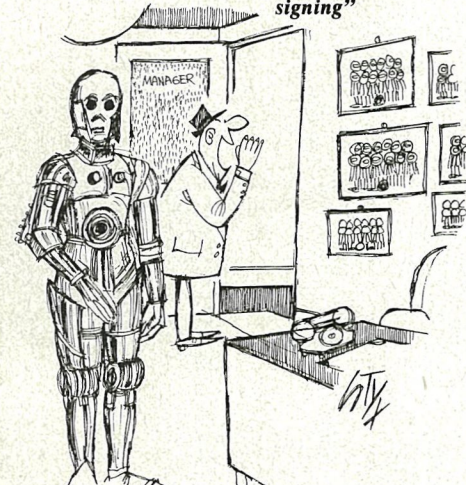
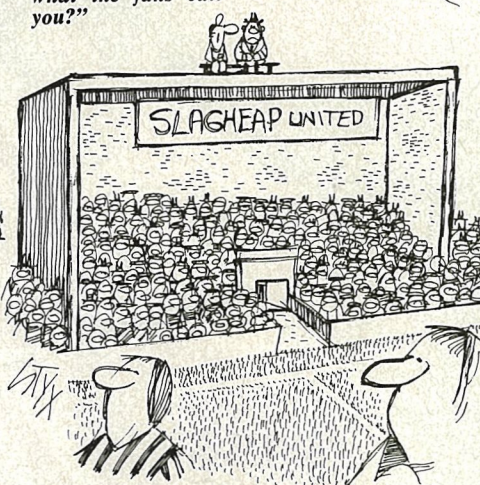


"They used to be our club's full-backs. Then they retired and went into business together"

"Don't worry, officer — he always wakes up after the ref disallows the goal"



"But, boss — aren't you being a little over-sensitive about what the fans call you?"



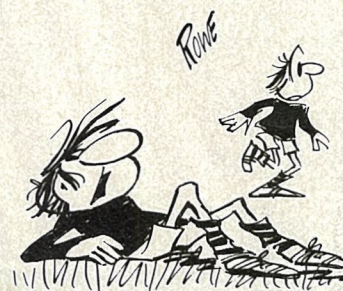
"Hi, coach — come and meet our new signing"

NOBBY

THIS MUSCLE-BOUND APE IS BEGINNING TO GET ON MY WICK!



IN FACT, I FEEL LIKE THUMPING HIM AGAIN



AGAIN?



YES, I FELT LIKE THUMPING HIM IN THE FIRST-HALF!



NO place for the highly-priced stars — but plenty of team and club spirit and trust! That's the secret behind the astonishing revival this season of Blackburn Rovers, one of soccer's slumbering giants for several years.

Rovers have won a place in the top six of the Second Division table for much of the season. Yet they're still a mystery side to many fans in and out of the Division. No

WHY THEY'RE HAPPY AT BLACKBURN AND SAD AT BLACKPOOL

'NO STARS AT EWOOD'

DAVID WAGSTAFFE

obvious stars or headline attractions at Ewood Park, so how have they done it? ... ask the fans elsewhere in the country.

The reasons are clear according to veteran Dave Wagstaffe. "Waggy" as he's affectionately known throughout football, moved to Rovers two years ago after a long spell at Wolverhampton. Now, he and former Birmingham winger Gordon Taylor provide the vital experience in a young Rovers' side that is getting better and better.

How good can they become? Very good indeed according to Wagstaffe. He says: "The potential is fantastic here and if we don't go up this year, I'm convinced it will happen next season."

"We have succeeded here because we've got a down to earth policy right throughout the club. There are, for instance, no over-paid stars so the entire team is happy and close."

"And the side doesn't rely on one player to score the goals — we've got probably eight or nine who can win a game for us. That's the difference between us and other clubs — a real useful, closely knit team that has ability and promise everywhere."

Wagstaffe says Blackburn's method of finding untapped talent must be the way ahead for all smaller clubs in the future. "We were simply unable to go out and spend sums of £200,000 on players. So you have to go to the clubs where they can do that, possibly to the exclusion of a young player who only really needs the chance to prove his worth."

"Then, if you're a good judge of talent and lucky, you find some players who will develop and become useful additions to your side. In that way, I think the smaller clubs can feed off the larger ones."

"Our success has had a lot to do with Jim Smith, the manager. He has become very close to the players and that has worked wonders. And, personally, he gives me complete freedom. I'm not tied down to a set position as I tended to be at Wolves: here, I can go wherever I want to on the field and do what I want regarding decisions. He encourages us to have our heads and it's worked well."



"We have so many young lads in the side and the squad and they're all developing fast into very good players. But the change around within the club has been done gradually by Jim Smith — that's another reason for his success. He's changed things slowly and it's taken him a while to find the right positions and roles for everyone. But he's done it now and the result is our high League position."

"We've been to so many grounds this season where they've told us afterwards we were the best side they'd seen all season. That's nice and the fact is we can only get better as a side because if you take out Gordon and myself, the average age can't be any higher than about 23."

Wagstaffe admits to an age "somewhere near the middle 30's." But he says about any future retirement plans: "I don't feel that old so I haven't thought about packing up. I suppose I must be one of the oldest players around in Division Two football. But I keep myself fit and I believe I'll keep going until it's time to finish in my own mind. Then, I'll just pack up one Saturday and leave the game."

"Jim Smith has done a lot for Blackburn and I'm glad I came here. It was a fresh challenge for me and it's great to see the excitement that has built up within the town as the team has improved. Average gates are well up and things can only get better. At last, I reckon Blackburn Rovers future is again going to be a very successful one."

Bloomfield Road, he feels the time is right in his career to go.

But one obvious problem for any prospective buyer is to decide which is his best position.

Hart explains: "I played midfield for a couple of seasons. But I have always regarded centre-back as my best position."

"But at the start of this season, we were short in midfield and the boss asked me to move again."

'WE HAVE TO SELL OURS TO SURVIVE'

PAUL HART

PAUL Hart has no doubts as to the saddest sight he and his Blackpool team-mates have every match day. Hart, the highly-rated Blackpool midfielder or centre-back player who is now casting his eyes upon new horizons, pinpoints fickle fans and residents as his greatest disappointment.

Hart says: "Gates have dropped to about 6,000 at Bloomfield Road and that has been a desperately disappointing state of affairs for everyone at the club. But the worst part is seeing the coach loads of football fans driving through the town on match day — going out of the town towards Manchester or Liverpool."

"The trouble is so many of the people who now live in Blackpool come from other parts of the country. And on their agenda is a trip by coach to watch teams like Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United or City. It's a great shame they don't support their local side more than they do."

"I think the fans are fickle at Blackpool. You cannot survive financially with gates around the 6,000 mark so the club is forced to sell so many of its best players."

"Yet when they do, the fans say they won't go and support them because they don't want to go up. That's rubbish, I'm sure. But no business can operate on gates of 6,000 in modern-day soccer. So it's a vicious circle."

"Blackpool are trying to keep their best players and build around them. But they haven't been able to do that because they don't get the support from the general public."

"People don't realise it's not always the club's fault they have to sell their best players. If we do well, we get gates of about 15,000 so we could get that if we weren't — assuming the fans were genuine."

"When you're a player at Blackpool and you're battling against those odds week after week, it becomes demoralising."

So Hart is likely to join the ranks of Blackpool players who moved on. At 24 and after five years at



"I did so and have been there for most of the season. I've got to admit it's gone better for me in that position than I thought it would. But I think I'd like to get back to the centre-half role."

"I feel I'm built for a central defender's job because I'm quite a big lad. I've found I've had to be quicker on the ball as a midfielder player and I've had to learn to see things quicker. I think it has done me good."

Hart believes that, despite his likely departure, Blackpool have a fine future — especially if the fans get behind the club.

He says: "You can judge the number of good players here by the number of scouts and managers from other clubs who seem to come for every home game."

"We have the basis of a First Division side and I think the club could do quite well if they went up. They have some good young players with lots of talent and there are several more just coming through. It's a young side and it can only improve — especially if the fans come along and support them."



'I envy your record over the past two seasons'

MALCOLM PAGE
(Birmingham)

PAGE: The big one is here again, Leighton, as if you didn't know with all the ballyhoo that's been going on around the city. I make it four on the trot to us over the past few seasons so we're hoping this will be our fifth successive win over Villa.

PHILLIPS: *I'm sorry to admit it Malcolm, but your arithmetic is quite right. The last time we beat you was September 27, 1975 at Villa Park. So it's high time we stopped your domination. We've been by far the more successful club in recent years yet you keep winning the derbies.*

PAGE: Yes, and I wish it was the other way round. I'd settle for the successes you've enjoyed in the past couple of seasons, even if we'd lost to you. I think the reason we've done so well over you is it's often the last thing left for us in the season.

PHILLIPS: *You certainly seem to raise your game against us. Obviously, we are desperate to win, too, but it seems even more important to Birmingham. It's like your Cup Final.*

PAGE: It's the nearest we'll get to one this season. We are out of the Cups and the only thing facing us in the League is our annual fight against relegation. So we can at least restore some pride by completing the double over your team. It will give our fans some hope for the future.

PHILLIPS: *I think you'll agree, Malcolm, the fans make a lot more of it than the players. You can feel it building up in the town for a week or so beforehand. People shout out to you: "You'd better beat Brum next week." And on the day, the atmosphere is incredible as you know.*

PAGE: I agree with you about the fans. Our players try and treat it like any other game but the pressure put on by the supporters makes that impossible. I know I always feel much more keyed up before a game against Villa.

PHILLIPS: *In most of the games I've played against Brum, I feel*



'But Villa have lost the last four derbies'

LEIGHTON PHILLIPS
(Aston Villa)

we've produced the better football while you've managed to get the goals. At Villa Park earlier this season, I thought you outplayed us in the first-half and deserved to be a goal up at half-time. But after the break, I thought we did enough to get at least a point.

PAGE: To me, the beauty of derby games is you never know what's going to happen. Football is a funny game, anyway, but derbies seem to be even funnier. In the kind of atmosphere they create, it's easier for flashpoints to be created, too, as you know only too well, Leighton.

PHILLIPS: *You're obviously referring to last year's game at St. Andrews when I was sent-off. Joe Gallagher went off, too, and you won the game with a controversial penalty, I seem to remember.*

PAGE: Villa have impressed me as a good side over the past few seasons, and I'm surprised in a way this season hasn't gone better for you in the League. Maybe you

CROSSTALKS BETWEEN PLAYERS INVOLVED IN THE BIG DERBY GAMES IN THE MIDLANDS AND LONDON

just lack strength in depth to keep up a challenge for the title.

PHILLIPS: *We've had our share of injuries this season, that's true. Andy Gray was out and then we lost Alex Cropley. Players like that aren't easy to replace. I don't like making excuses but I believe the state of our pitch has been one of the main reasons for us not doing as well as we'd hoped. The ball just goes dead on it, and it makes it easier for teams to defend.*

PAGE: It's funny you should say

that, because we seem to have done better away from home this season. And our form has been really topsy turvy. We lost 5-4 at home to Chelsea and then went away to win at Old Trafford. We also won at Anfield this season, which is always a notable achievement.

PHILLIPS: *Looking at your team, you ought to be farther up the table instead of in trouble. I reckon Trevor Francis is the best player in the country in his position and as well as several experienced men in the team, you've got promising youngsters like young Dillon.*

PAGE: We feel we should be doing better, too, but you can only judge a team by results. Since I've been here, we've had spasms where we've really looked like taking off, and it has always fizzled out. Consistency is the name of the game, and we just haven't managed that. Talking about consistency, you've produced some good performances in Europe this season and you're facing Barcelona next week aren't you?

PHILLIPS: *Yes we are, and everyone's looking forward to it. Naturally, it's a terrific tie for us, but we'll have a hell of a job to win it. Still, Johan Cruyff or not, Ipswich did well against them in the last round and were unlucky to lose so maybe we can do better. We could give ourselves a great boost by leaving St. Andrews with two points.*

PAGE: Now don't let things start going to your head. I wish you all the best against Barcelona but at our place, I hope you don't get a thing.



Villa's Frank Carrodus (left) and Garry Pendrey of Birmingham in action during the League clash earlier this season at Villa Park.



'We have a great chance of winning promotion'

STEVE PERRYMAN (Spurs)

PERRYMAN: Hello, John. Welcome back to White Hart Lane — it must be a long time since your last visit here. You would have been a Crystal Palace player then, too — I know Orient have never been here in my time.

JACKSON: You're right, Steve. It's been a long time. When I was last at Tottenham, Jimmy Greaves was still playing. And Pat Jennings was in goal. Palace, unfortunately, didn't last too long in Division One so your ground isn't one I'm too familiar with.

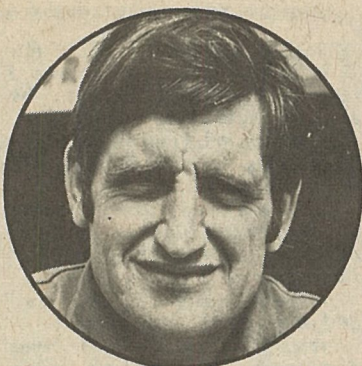
PERRYMAN: Nothing personal, but I hope you won't be here next year either. By that, I simply mean I hope we fulfil our ambition of getting back into the First Division. I won't say I think we're certs but I believe we have a very good chance.

JACKSON: I don't think you can ever say promotion is definite until it's mathematically impossible for you to be caught. I speak from experience. I was in a Palace side that won promotion against all the odds in the final few matches and a few years ago under Malcolm Allison, it looked impossible for anyone to knock us off our perch at the top of Division Three — yet somehow it all went wrong. So I've seen it from both sides.

PERRYMAN: Well we won't lose it because of complacency, I can assure you. I must admit I was very impressed with the Orient side when we drew 1-1 at your place in October. You created a lot of chances and I would have thought that at the end of the day, you would have felt yourselves unlucky to only get a point. Since then, I see Peter Kitchen has been making the most of the openings the team have been creating.

JACKSON: He's done marvelously. It's his finishing that has made the biggest difference to us this season. We created plenty of opportunities last year but couldn't seem to put them away.

PERRYMAN: I don't want to say too much about him because I'm likely to be coming into direct contact with him. But do you ever



'Palace were "certs" once, but we failed'

JOHN JACKSON (Orient)

worry that you might be relying on him too much?

JACKSON: Not really. It often works to our advantage as other teams tend to watch him and not notice when another of our players moves into a scoring position. It happened at Oldham the other week. The ball was worked through to Joe Mayo, who found himself unmarked because the two centre-backs were on the other side of the pitch looking at Kitch. Thanks a lot, said Joe, and

tucked it away.

PERRYMAN: Glenn Roeder impressed me in your side. He looked very cool at the back, always trying to play it out intelligently instead of just booting it downfield.

JACKSON: Funnily enough, I was just going to say the thing that impressed me about Spurs was the way you built up your moves from the back. There wasn't any whacking and chasing.

PERRYMAN: Yes, we did make a conscious effort to change our style before the start of the season. When you're just knocking balls out of defence, the midfield players can be by-passed. So we tried to play from the back and use the midfield to work the ball up to the forwards. And Glenn Hoddle, Neil McNab and John Pratt are people you can give the ball to with the confidence they'll be able to hold it.

JACKSON: Yes, it appeared to me McNab and Hoddle were the players with lots of flair in midfield who were always looking for attacking positions and Pratt was the man doing the equally useful job of holding them together. Of course, you're playing at the back now aren't you, Steve?

PERRYMAN: That's right. I actually started in defence towards the end of last season and I love it now. I think it's a much better position to captain the side from. You see a lot more of the game in the back-four, although you're only really invol-

ved when the other side are attacking. Anyway, from the way our midfield three have been performing, I doubt if I'd get a place there.

JACKSON: Your right-back, Terry Naylor, was the other player who impressed me when we last met. I thought he looked very useful that day.

PERRYMAN: You can say that about most of the team this season. Everybody has been playing well. We're looking forward to having you at our place because next to that other North London team whose name I won't mention, Orient are our nearest London rivals. But I should warn you we've been getting a lot of goals at home, John, so you'd best be prepared for a busy afternoon.

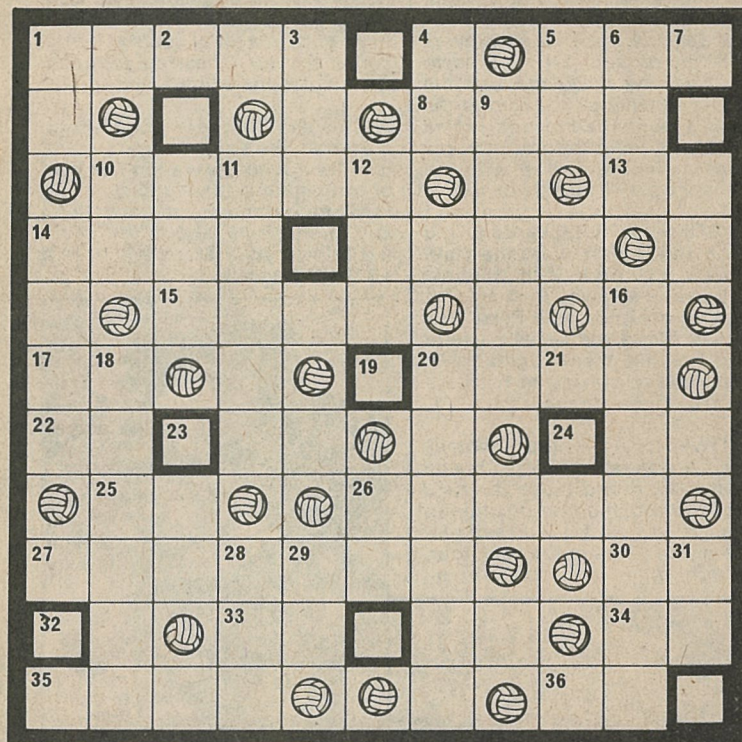
JACKSON: That doesn't frighten me at all. We've got a good set of lads here who do well in the kind of atmosphere there's likely to be at White Hart Lane. I'm not making any predictions about the score but I don't think Spurs will have it all their own way.



Orient's Joe Mayo beats Spurs' Terry Naylor to the ball. Glenn Roeder (right) is starring in the O's defence.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Leeds United defender. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:

- (1) Gordon —, Scotland centre-half.
- (5) — Trafford, Manchester United's ground.
- (8) Tender, perhaps in bargaining for a new player.
- (10) B----ck Ranger-. Having more knowledge from the missing letters.
- (13) Peter Eas--e of Queens Park Rangers.
- (14) The — side of football concerns the art and study of the game.
- (15) Sets of equipment for each player.
- (17) Tommy --cherty. Manager of Derby County.
- (19) Sign on as a player or member.
- (22) Qu--n- P--k (Glasgow club). Rub out from the omissions.
- (24) — Crerand, former famous midfield player with Manchester United.
- (25) Dave Geddd-- of Ipswich Town.
- (26) John —, Spurs midfielder.
- (27) Team from Upton Park, London.
- (30) Cl--tonhill Park; Albion Rovers.
- (32) Viv --derson of Nottingham Forest.
- (33) Take it easy! (After a hard game, perhaps).
- (34) Joe C-r-igan, Manchester City goalkeeper.
- (35) We-- Germ-n-. Current World Cup holders.
- (36) T--ec-stle Park (Heart of Midlothian). The missing letters reversed.

DOWN:

- (1) Billy --redith, former famous player who was known as the Welsh Wizard.
- (2) Rapid or swift.
- (3) Use five of the letters of Everton to give another word for happening.
- (4) Pre-t-n Park; ground of Tranmere Rovers.
- (5) Brian Greenh--f of Manchester United.
- (6) -eic-s-er City from Filbert Street.
- (7) Mickey —, defender with Chelsea.
- (9) David ----c-ough (Liverpool). Selective instinct from the missing letters.
- (10) Peter -ith- of Nottingham Forest.
- (11) Bony fronts of lower legs.
- (12) Alf-edo d--t-fano, former famous European Footballer of the Year 1957 and 1959.
- (14) -orquay Un-t--. Sea movement from the missing letters.
- (16) Feeling the triumphant team's supporters might share after a big match.
- (18) —, Second Division side from Brisbane Road.
- (20) — Hunter, Bristol City defender.
- (21) S-utham--on, play at The Dell.
- (23) Don M---on midfielder with Derby County.
- (26) Dee-d--e, home of Preston North End.
- (27) Ne-c--tle United, are nicknamed The Magpies.
- (28) Coven--- from Highfield Road.
- (29) Jimmy -olm-s of Spurs.
- (31) Tom -o-s-th of Rangers.

TREVOR Brooking is my Footballer of the Year. When I received my voting forms in the annual Professional Footballers' Association poll, I had no hesitation in choosing the West Ham midfielder as my top star.

Trevor has been outstanding over the past year and every time I've played against him or seen him in action he's shown all-round class.

We beat West Ham at Stamford Bridge over the Christmas period — somewhat fortunately — yet Trevor was superb. Everything he did came off and underlined the fact he is one of the top midfield men in the world.

It was a great boost to play alongside Trevor for England against Italy at Wembley — he helped me a lot that night.

Straight from the kick-off he instilled confidence in his side by running strongly at the Italians, who must have wondered what had hit them!

Trevor tore the Italian defence to pieces with his skill and passing. He was always available and showed all the attributes of a top-class schemer.

If he doesn't score that many goals, this is more than compensated for by the ones he creates. I'm sure he makes more goals than any other West Ham player.

I've got to know Trevor quite well from the England squads and off the field he's as nice a person as he is skilled on it.

I stayed in London for my Young Footballer of the Year. I've voted for



TREVOR

Arsenal's Liam Brady for the past couple of years, but this time I plumped for Glenn Hoddle of The Gunners' North London rivals Spurs.

Glenn is an exciting prospect with a marvellous future ahead of him. He seems to be working hard and showing a lot of consistency.

The experience of playing in the Second Division for a season (Spurs should go up) will do Glenn good. He'll return to Division One a better player . . . more confident and able to express himself even more.

Every member of the P.F.A. has to pick a team from his Division, and when selecting mine I paid particular attention to how these players performed against Chelsea.

This was my main consideration, but I've also seen them many times on TV, of course.

My goalkeeper was PAT JENNINGS of Arsenal, a whisker ahead of Peter Shilton.

Pat is probably the hardest 'keeper to beat in the League and it must be wonderful for the Arsenal lads knowing he's there at the back. What confidence he must inspire in his team!

Pat's consistency is amazing, and even at 32 he still has much to offer Arsenal.

Ipswich captain MICK MILLS and Manchester City's WILLIE

**RAY
WILKINS**
writes for you

DONACHIE were my full-backs.

Mick had a fine game against us at the Bridge not too long ago and played well in an injury-hit Ipswich side.

Mick kept Clive Walker fairly quiet — no easy feat — and his strength and speed make him the ideal full-back. The Ipswich star also plays in midfield occasionally, but I think right-back is his best position.

Willie is one of the top attacking defenders in the Division, yet the defensive part of his game doesn't suffer as a result of this.

He may be a bit fiery, but this is all part of his make-up and his determination is one reason why City's away record has improved so much.

In the middle of my defence I selected GORDON McQUEEN and DAVID O'LEARY.

Gordon has everything a defender should have . . . he's fantastic in the air and is always likely to score from set-pieces — as England found out at Wembley last season.

I'm sure Gordon will soon be showing his best form again once he has settled in at Old Trafford.

David O'Leary now plays more of a sweeper role for Arsenal, with Willie Young the stopper.

I think David's a fabulous player who seems to have so much time in all he does. It's amazing to think he's still only 19 — certainly he shows no lack of experience for one so young.

When picking my 11 players, I tried to select a team rather than

just 11 top stars, if you get my meaning. I looked for players I think would combine well in a side and I wanted my midfield to have the correct balance.

TREVOR BROOKING was a "must". Alongside him I put ASA HARTFORD and LIAM BRADY.

I'll be popular with the Scots as I've actually got five Scotland players in my team!

Asa gives bite to Manchester City's midfield with his non-stop running, accurate passing and well-

timed tackling.

Liam Brady is superb — what style the Arsenal schemer has. In his early days he was, perhaps, lucky to play alongside Alan Ball. Now, Liam is the man who makes Arsenal's midfield tick with his "talking" left foot.

I wanted a winger in my front-three and the one who's taken my eye is Nottingham Forest's JOHN ROBERTSON.

He is in the Scotland squad now. I'll be surprised if he doesn't make the squad for Argentina. John's having a great season but he also impressed me in the Second Division.

John is fast, direct and knows how to score. Willie Johnston is Scotland's winger at the moment, but the Forest star will be pushing hard for a regular place soon.

Staying with Scotland, I chose JOE JORDAN as my target-man. Joe will do well with Manchester United because in Gordon Hill and Steve Coppell he has two wingers who will give him the sort of service he needs.

I didn't realise Joe had scored so few goals until I read it in the papers just before his transfer to Old Trafford. What the figures don't tell you is how many openings Joe makes for his team-mates and these are considerable.

Last, but by no means least, TREVOR FRANCIS completes my team. If any player is worth £500,000 then surely it's the Birmingham City striker.

LEFT . . . "Glenn Hoddle on the ball against Notts County. The Spurs youngster is a tremendous prospect."

IS TOPS WITH ME'

"Trevor shows the style that has made him my choice for Players' Player of the Year."

A regular goalscorer, he has been unfortunate to have Kevin Keegan in front of him for selection for the England team. They play a similar role yet in any other team I'm sure Trevor would have had more caps.

Trevor hasn't had the best of luck with injuries either, but time is on his side and no doubt he has many more England caps to come.

Talking to the other Chelsea players, I think a lot of us have picked similar teams.

Some went for Peter Shilton in goal . . . West Brom's Derek Statham got a few votes at left-back . . . Martin Buchan was fancied to partner Gordon McQueen . . . one or two chose Tony Currie in midfield . . . I think everyone selected Trevor Francis, though.

The awards will be presented at a dinner on Sunday, March 19th, in London. It should be a good night!

This Saturday (February 25th) we're away to Leeds United, who seem to have found more consistent form recently.

See you in two weeks.

Raymond



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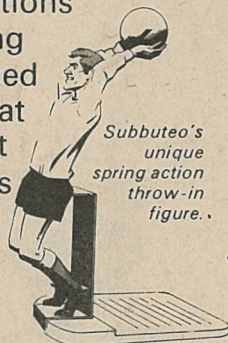
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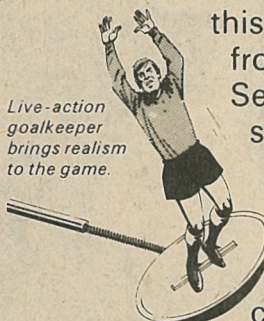


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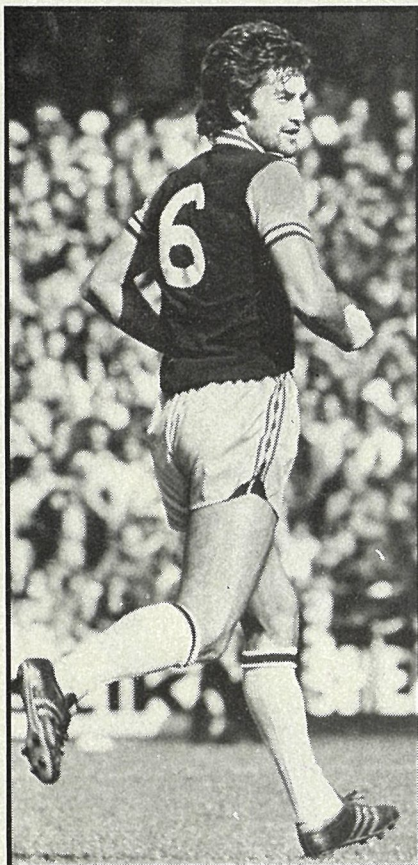
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compiled by John Pyke

Aston Villa manager Ron Saunders (right) was a much-travelled striker who saw service with Everton, Tonbridge, Gillingham, Portsmouth, Watford and Charlton Athletic. His first appointment as a manager came with Yeovil Town in 1967, then Ron had a few brief months in charge of Oxford United in 1969 before becoming boss at Norwich City for four years. While at Carrow Road, he made his first of four visits to Wembley in charge of a League Cup Final side. Norwich being Finalists in 1973, a season after Ron had guided Norwich to the Second Division Championship. In his short stay as manager of Manchester City, he led them to the League Cup Final of 1974 and after taking over at Villa, Ron has been manager as Villa won promotion to Division One in 1975, had two League Cup winning appearances in 1975 and 1977. Villa have twice appeared in the U.E.F.A. Cup while under his control.

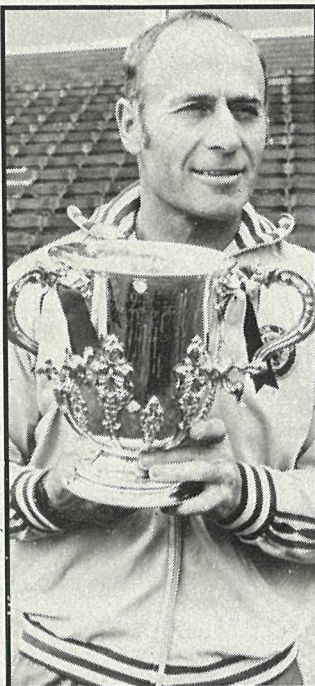


RECORD VICTORY:
13-0 v Wednesbury Old Athletic,
F.A. Cup, First Round, 1886.

RECORD DEFEAT:
1-8 v Blackburn Rovers,
F.A. Cup Third Round, 1888-89.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:
70 in Third Division 1971-72.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:
49 by 'Pongo' Waring in Division One, 1930-31.



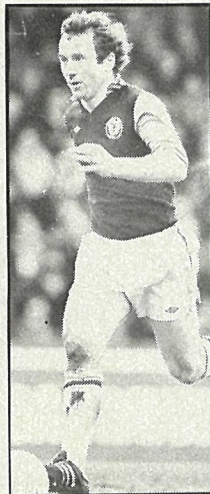
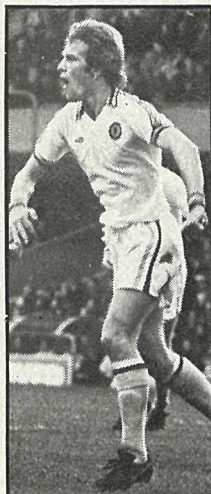
HOW TO GET TO VILLA PARK

Birmingham New Street station is near the city centre from where special buses run to Villa Park. Bus No 5 goes from Corporation Street to Witton Square.

IF YOU TRAVEL BY CAR

The ground is ½-mile from link to the motorway. Serpentine Car park in Aston Hall Road. Side-street parking is also allowed around the ground.

Dennis Mortimer (left) was signed from Coventry City in 1975. SHOOT columnist Andy Gray (below, left) has been sidelined through injury. Tommy Craig (below, right) joined Aston Villa in January.



INJURIES to key players Andy Gray, Alex Copley, John Gidman and John Robson have seen Aston Villa slip out of the domestic honours. This plus the fact that although Villa have a fine and expensive first team squad, they have been lacking in reserve strength to fill the gaps.

As League Cup winners and a team that finished fourth in the First Division last season, Villa were a popular choice for the 1977-78 League Championship. But their League title hopes soon vanished and those of retaining the League Cup, which Villa had almost regarded as their own property, went in the Fourth Round when Brian Clough's merry men from Forest beat them 4-2.

Villa's F.A. Cup campaign never even got off the ground, a 4-1 defeat at Everton saw to that. So the Villa Park team's last hope of a trophy rests on their success in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

As we go to Press, Villa are locked in a two-legged tie with Barcelona for a place in the Semi-Finals. As England's remaining representatives in that competition we wish them luck.

ASTON VILLA

GROUND:
Villa Park.

SIZE OF PITCH:
115 yards by 75 yards.

TELEPHONE No:
021-328 1722.

NICKNAME:
'The Villans'

COLOURS:
Claret shirts with light blue sleeves, claret and light blue collar and cuffs and trimmings. White shorts with claret and light blue vertical stripes. Light blue socks with claret and white tops.

Brian Little (left) beats Norwich's Tony Powell to the ball during Villa's 3-0 win in October.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73	Ray Graydon	9
1973-74	Ray Graydon	8
	Brian Little	8
1974-75	Brian Little	20
1975-76	Ray Graydon	12
1976-77	Andy Gray	25

THEIR RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C — League Championship; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists)

SEASON	LEAGUE	F.A. CUP	LEAGUE CUP
1960-61	1 — 9th	5th	W
1961-62	1 — 7th	Q/F	3rd
1962-63	1 — 15th	4th	F
1963-64	1 — 19th	3rd	3rd
1964-65	1 — 16th	5th	S/F
1965-66	1 — 16th	3rd	Q/F
1966-67	1 — 21st (R)	4th	2nd
1967-68	2 — 16th	4th	2nd
1968-69	2 — 18th	5th	2nd
1969-70	2 — 21st (R)	3rd	2nd
1970-71	3 — 4th	1st	F
1971-72	3 — 1st (P)	1st	4th
1972-73	2 — 3rd	3rd	3rd
1973-74	2 — 14th	5th	2nd
1974-75	2 — 2nd (P)	5th	W
1975-76	1 — 16th	3rd	3rd
1976-77	1 — 4th	Q/F	W

Aston Villa's first season in Europe was in 1975-76 when they were knocked out in the First Round of the U.E.F.A. Cup.

ASTON



BACK ROW (left to right): Charlie Young, Jake Findlay, John Burridge, Nigel Spink, Allan Evans, Ivor Linton.

MIDDLE ROW: Roy MacLaren (first team coach), David Evans, Mick Butress, John Gregory, Andy Gray, Gor-

VILLA



don Smith, David Hughes, Gordon Cowans, Peter Downs (physio).

FRONT ROW: John Deehan, Alex

Cropley, Leighton Phillips, John Gidman, Ron Saunders (manager), John Robson, Brian Little, Dennis Mortimer, Frank Carrodus.

SHOOT!



continued

PEN-PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes; All records to the end of December, 1977)

MIKE BUTTRESS: Young midfielder who made his League debut when he came on as substitute in Villa's 5-1 home victory over Liverpool on December 15th, 1976. Signed professional in February, 1976. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.11. Born Peterborough. L. App:— 2 sub.

FRANK CARRODUS: Midfielder signed from Manchester City for £95,000 in July, 1974. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.11. L. App:— Man. City 33 and 9 sub, Aston Villa 127. G:— Man. City 1, Aston Villa 5.

GORDON COWANS: Midfielder or striker signed professional in September, 1976. Played often in the Villa first team this season. Signed professional in September, 1976. Born County Durham. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 9.2. L. App:— 26 and 9 sub. G:— 6.

TOMMY CRAIG: Villa paid £250,000 for this Scottish international midfielder from Newcastle United in January, 1978. One full Scottish cap. Born Aberdeen. Ht. 5.7½. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— Aberdeen 43 and 2 sub, Sheff. Wed. 211 and 3 sub, Newcastle 120 and 1 sub. G:— Aberdeen 8, Sheff. Wed. 8, Newcastle 23.

ALEX CROPLEY: Villa badly missed the midfield skills of Alex this season after he had broken a leg. Signed from Arsenal for £125,000 in September, 1976. A Scottish Under-23 international with two full caps. Born Aldershot. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.0. L. App:— Hibernian 110 and 4 sub, Arsenal 29 and 1 sub, Aston Villa 49. G:— Hibernian 24, Arsenal 5, Aston Villa 5.

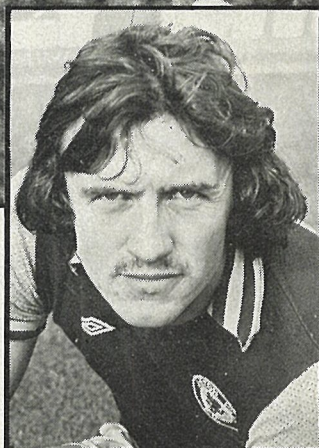
JOHN DEEHAN: Local boy who signed professional for Villa in April, 1974. A striker who has been a regular member of the England Under-21 side for the past two seasons. Born Solihull. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.13. L. App:— 58 and 1 sub. G:— 25.

JOHN GIDMAN: A former Liverpool apprentice who when released by the Anfield club was signed professional by Villa in August, 1971. An England Under-23 international with one full cap. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 139. G:— 6.

ANDY GRAY: Striker signed from Dundee Utd for £110,000 in September, 1975. Torn ligaments in his left leg during the match at Everton on January 14th has put Andy on the sidelines for a while. But he will be fit in time to win a place



Action from last season's League Cup Final second replay. Villa beat Everton 3-2. John Gidman (below) is an England international.



back in the Scottish side. He has four full caps. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.5. L. App:— Dundee Utd 61 and 1 sub, Aston Villa 84 and 1 sub. G:— Dundee Utd 36, Aston Villa 45.

JOHN GREGORY: Defender signed from Northampton Town for £60,000 in June, 1977 and has proved his value to Villa by playing in several positions this season. Born Scunthorpe. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— Northampton 178, Aston Villa 11. G:— Northampton 8.

IVOR LINTON: Another of the exciting young black players appearing in the Football League. Made two substitute appearances in the Villa side during the 1976-77 season and a lot more will be seen of him in the future.

BRIAN LITTLE: Free-scoring striker who signed professional for Aston Villa in February, 1971. Scored on his League debut v Torquay United on April 29th, 1972, and has gone on to win a full England cap when he came on as a substitute v Wales in May, 1975. Born Durham. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— 169 and 5 sub. G:— 50.

KEN McNAUGHT: Central defender who cost £200,000 when signed from Everton in July, 1977. Has now settled down at Villa Park to prove the money was well spent. Born Kirkcaldy. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.1. L. App:— Everton 64 and 2 sub,

Aston Villa 21. G:— Everton 3, Aston Villa 1.

DENNIS MORTIMER: Midfielder signed from Coventry City for £175,000 in December, 1975. An England Under-23 international and has also toured Australia with an F.A. Party in 1971. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— Coventry 179 and 14 sub, Aston Villa 77. G:— Coventry 10, Aston Villa 4.

LEIGHTON PHILLIPS: Can play as a defender or in midfield and is an automatic choice for Wales with 35 full caps. Signed from Cardiff City in September, 1974, for £100,000. Born Briton Ferry. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.11. L. App:— Cardiff 169 and 9 sub, Aston Villa 118 and 4 sub. G:— Cardiff 10, Aston Villa 4.

JIMMY RIMMER: After being an ever-present for Arsenal in the 1976-77 season, Jimmy signed for Aston Villa for £80,000 in August, 1977, after The Gunners had signed Pat Jennings. He has one full England cap. Born Southport. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.12. L. App:— Man. Utd. 34, Swansea (loan) 17, Arsenal 124, Aston Villa 22.

JOHN ROBSON: Defender who cost £90,000 when signed from Derby County in December, 1972. An England Under-23 international. Born Consett. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 10.3. L. App:— Derby 171 and 1 sub, Aston Villa 141 and 3 sub. G:— Derby 3, Aston Villa 1.

GARY SHELTON: Versatile player signed from Walsall in January, 1978, for £50,000. Born Nottingham. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.0. L. App:— Walsall 21 and 11 sub.

GORDON SMITH: Defender signed from St. Johnstone for £60,000 in August, 1976. Scottish Under-23 player. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 12.1. L. App:— St. Johnstone 118, Aston Villa 51 and 2 sub. G:— St. Johnstone 11.

LEAGUE FIXTURES 1977-78

		Venue	Result
Aug			
20	Q.P.R.	A	2-1
24	Man. City	H	1-4
27	Everton	H	1-2
Sept			
3	Bristol C.	A	1-1
10	Arsenal	H	1-0
17	Nottm. For.	A	0-2
23	Wolverhampton W.	H	2-0
Oct			
1	Birmingham C.	H	0-1
5	Leeds U.	A	1-1
8	Leicester C.	A	2-0
15	Norwich C.	H	3-0
22	West Ham	A	2-2
29	Man. Utd.	H	2-1
Nov			
5	Liverpool	A	2-1
12	Middlesbrough	H	0-1
19	Chelsea	A	0-0
Dec			
3	Ipswich T.	A	0-2
10	W.B.A.	H	3-0
17	Middlesbrough	A	0-1
26	Coventry C.	H	1-1
27	Derby Co.	A	3-0
31	Man. City	A	0-2
Jan			
2	Q.P.R.	H	1-1
14	Everton	A	0-1
21	Bristol C.	H	1-0
Feb			
4	Arsenal	A	1-0
18	Wolverhampton W.	A	
25	Birmingham C.	A	
Mar			
4	Leicester C.	H	
11	Norwich C.	A	
18	West Ham	H	
21	Coventry C.	A	
25	Derby Co.	H	
29	Man. Utd.	A	
Apr			
1	Liverpool	H	
8	Newcastle U.	A	
15	Chelsea	H	
22	W.B.A.	A	
26	Leeds U.	H	
29	Ipswich T.	H	

Nottm. For. (H) and Newcastle (H) to be arranged.

THE goal Peter Ward scored against non-League Scarborough in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup was one of the most important of his brief League career.

His club Brighton won the tie comfortably. But Ward's goal ended a barren spell of 11 games, his worst since he burst on to the League scene at the end of the 1975-76 season.



Peter Ward powers home a header in the F.A. Cup Third Round match against Scarborough

GOALS ARE FLOWING AGAIN FOR 'WONDER BOY' WARD

He says: "The longest I'd gone without a goal before was four games. When I got that one against Scarborough something lifted from me. I don't know exactly what it was, just a great feeling of relief."

Not that England Under-21 cap Ward ever doubted things would come right again. He was carried through by his confidence in his own ability, and his refreshingly uncluttered view of professional soccer.

"I just go out to enjoy myself on a Saturday afternoon and if I'm going to start worrying about it, I might as well give up. I knew the goals would come again because the chances were always there."

"I probably missed at least one good chance in each of the 11 games. It was just one of those spells where I couldn't do anything right."

"In one match I had a chance from six yards which I hit against the goalkeeper. There was just no way I was going to put it in. If the same chance arrives this Saturday, I'll probably go round the 'keeper and put it in. That's the difference when you are scoring regularly."

Unfortunately, Ward's loss of the finishing touch that brought 36 goals last season coincided with a

loss of form among other first team players which looked like ending Brighton's promotion bid.

Now, under the guidance of manager Alan Mullery, they're again looking like a side who wouldn't disgrace Division One next season.

"I was pleased with the faith the manager showed in me during my lean spell. He told me he'd stick by me whatever but if he had dropped me, I would have understood."

Ward set himself a target of 20-25 goals this season. And now that he's over the drought, he seems certain to achieve it, which would be a very useful first season's work in Division Two.

After his successes last term, he thought there might be a few defenders in the higher Division ready to take him down a peg or two. But he hasn't encountered any particular malice.

"I've not really had any aggro, but then I get on with most defenders. I don't kick anybody and I don't retaliate when people smash me down. I just get up and get on with it. I even have a chat to defenders sometimes."

He does, of course, end up most Saturday nights with lots of kicks and bruises but he regards that as

part of the game. The difference he has really noticed in Division Two is the better organisation of teams.

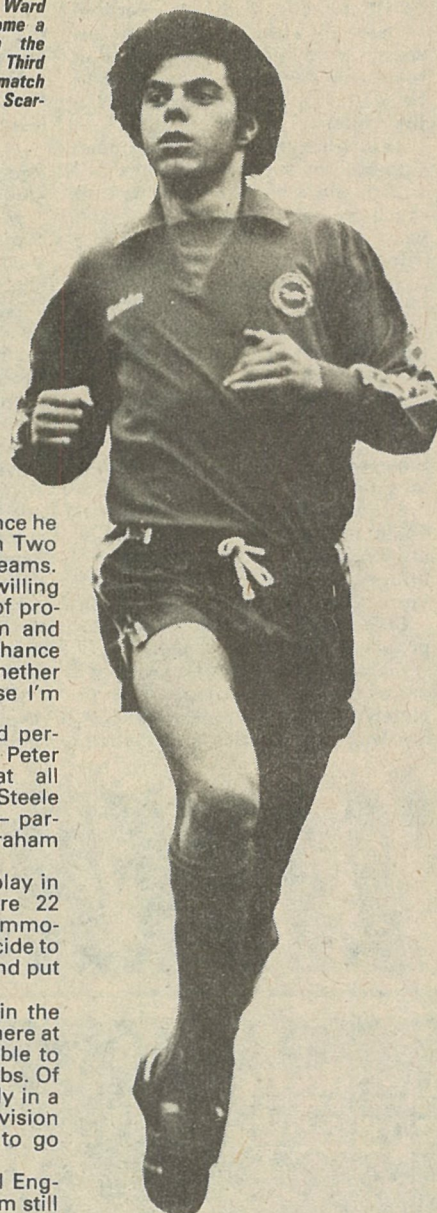
The only subject he isn't willing to discuss is the possibility of promotion. "We've a fine team and obviously we're in with a chance but I don't want to say whether we'll make it or not because I'm superstitious."

"We have had some good performances this season. Peter O'Sullivan has been great all through and goalkeeper Eric Steele has been very impressive — particularly since we bought Graham Moseley!"

Naturally, his target is to play in Division One, and there are 22 clubs there willing to accommodate that wish if Brighton decide to remove his "priceless" tag and put him on the transfer market.

"Everyone wants to play in the First Division, but I'm happy here at the moment and I may be able to get there without moving clubs. Of course, I might feel differently in a year's time if we're still in Division Two and not looking likely to go up."

"I want to play for the full England side in the future, too. I'm still only 22 so I reckon there is time for everything yet."



Manager Lee 'strict but very honest'

SAYS EVERTON'S ANDY KING

GORDON LEE a real hard man? Rubbish, says Everton's Andy King. Duncan McKenzie an erratic player not prepared to pull his weight? Again the reply is: Rubbish!

Young midfielder Andy King certainly reckons most of the critics and fans have got it all wrong about Lee and McKenzie. He says: "Gordon Lee's honesty is his greatest attribute. If you think being straight and telling you what you're doing wrong is hard, well it's not the way I see it. People have been completely misled about Lee — he's soft at heart."

And McKenzie? "Duncan is a changed player this season," adds King.

"He gets on well with the manager and has respect for him. He's a player that defenders hate meeting these days — and that can only be good news for Everton."

The Blues, so anxious to topple Liverpool from their lofty position

above the Mersey, started off with some fine victories. Wins at Leicester, West Ham and a 5-1 canter at Q.P.R. meant Gordon Lee's men were into the top five in the First Division table with a quarter of the season gone. That was a useful start.

King, Everton's bubbling little midfielder player, admits: "I've been at Everton over 18 months now and I've seen the good and the bad. I know now there is only one place to play football and that's at the top of the First Division. It's been hard for Everton players to stay there and, consequently, it's been hard for Everton players to walk around this city with their heads held up. But I reckon it's changing at long last — and Gordon Lee and Duncan McKenzie are having a lot to do with that."

King rates Lee as "strict but very honest." He says: "If you play badly he'll tell you. If you play well, he'll tell you that, too. Duncan

looks a different, much better player. He's chasing back to help out in defence, working hard and is in the game all the time."

"After being knocked out of both the League Cup and F.A. Cup, and seeing Nottingham Forest take a six point lead, our aim now is to hang on to second place or even take the title if Forest do hit a bad, pointless patch."

"The least we can look forward to, is a place in the U.E.F.A. Cup."

"I've got a new role because I've been given a roaming task — going forward if I want to as much as possible. The other two midfield lads — usually Trevor Ross and Martin Dobson, both stay back and allow me more freedom."

"On paper we've got one of the best if not the best squad anywhere in the country. We must start winning the trophies to prove what we're really worth. Unfortunately, it looks as though it won't happen until next season."



THE famous Reds of Liverpool have got a touch of the blues this season. And I don't mean a reaction to Everton's emergence as a team to be feared . . . one that could take their title.

The Champions and European Cup-holders seem to have lost that vital quality which brought them so much success over the past ten years — consistency.

Just look at a few of their results. A fabulous 6-0 victory over Kevin Keegan's Hamburger SV in the Super Cup second-leg at Anfield was followed by a League defeat at Norwich City.

Then came that unbeaten run over the Christmas and New Year period when many critics forecast they would knock Forest off their lofty perch.

But what followed? A sensational 4-2 thrashing in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup by Chelsea at Stamford Bridge and a shock 3-2 defeat by Birmingham City at Anfield.

Let's get the situation into the proper perspective, though.

Only a fool would rule Liverpool out of the Championship race completely, despite Forest's commanding lead and Everton's challenge.

And let's not forget they are still in the European Cup and with a great chance of retaining the trophy.

They've also reached the League Cup Final for the first time in their history.

Liverpool certainly haven't "gone" as a team. It's just they've slipped a bit.

Mind you, after so much success last season it's not surprising they've failed to maintain that high standard. No team could.

Liverpool don't need motivating . . . so that's not the problem.

I believe they've not only missed Kevin Keegan, but his powerful partnership with big John Toshack.

No disrespect to £440,000 replacement Kenny Dalglish, a player I admire greatly, but the Toshack/Keegan duo was the most deadly in the League. One player complemented the other. But Tosh never really got the credit he deserved for their success.

He was responsible for many of Kev's goals and posed such a threat that the wee man could go off and do his own thing during a game.

It's no secret that before his fine display against Italy, Kev was an indifferent performer for England.

He wasn't as effective without the mighty Welshman.

With Kev gone and Tosh out of the side, and stars such as Ray Clemence experiencing slight lapses of form, Liverpool's fire has not burned so brightly.

But this little setback has probably done them a power of good. Allowed them to take a long, hard look at themselves, see the positions which need strengthening, the tactics that need changing.

Like all really big and successful clubs, Liverpool now have the resources to buy quality players and ready-made replacements.

Apart from the fortune spent on Dalglish, they've bought Alan Hansen from Partick for £100,000, Graeme Souness from Middlesbrough for over 350 grand, and an unknown stand-in goalkeeper, Steve Ogrizovic, from Chesterfield for £75,000.

Make no mistake, this Red machine might have misfired a couple of times this season, but they'll be back at full power soon.

Last season everyone was talking about Ray Kennedy, Jimmy Case, Joey Jones and David Fairclough. This term it's defender Alan Hansen

and Graeme Souness who could establish themselves as the new Kop heroes.

I'm also glad to see my friend Phil "Concorde" Thompson has come back well after his cartilage operation. He's known as Concorde because of his nose. It's okay, Liverpool fans, Phil knows me well enough to take that joke.

In fact I'm friendly with most of the Anfield lads . . . "Razor" Kennedy, Callie, Phil Neal, Jimmy Case and of course, Ray Clem, or "Honky".

Everton's rise this season will naturally spur Liverpool on to greater heights. There's no way they will allow their rivals from across the city to become top dogs on Merseyside.

United, who travel to Anfield this Saturday (February 25th), will be looking to complete a League double this term.

Remember, we beat them 2-0 at Old Trafford on the first Saturday of October last year . . . over a month after drawing 0-0 in the F.A. Charity Shield . . . and five months after beating them in the F.A. Cup Final.

It was Liverpool's first defeat of

'LIVERPOOL MISS THE

Hands up England

My Dad said that, when he was a lad before the War, he remembers seeing a picture of the England team in Germany giving the Nazi salute. Is this true?

NEIL WILLIAMS,
LIVERPOOL

Unfortunately, to the considerable embarrassment of those concerned, it is, Neil.

That international was played in Berlin's huge Olympic Stadium on 14th May, 1938.

Adolf Hitler was amongst the 110,000 spectators and, though the players would have preferred to give the Fuehrer a rather less flattering salute, diplomatic pressure had been put upon the party by the Foreign Office.

This created a considerable stir at the time — especially as French athletes had just stubbornly refused to grovel to the dictator's ego in similar circumstances — but the English players had the last word with a thumping 6-3 win.

Hitler was eventually on the losing end when World War Two broke out the following year, too!

Joe is 26!

I've read in different papers that Joe Jordan is 23, 24, and 25! So how old is he?

CHRISTY HARDY,
EIRE

The bustling Scottish international striker first saw the light of day on 15th December, 1951, Christy — which means he's now 26!

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Alan Ball

How many goals did Southampton's Alan Ball score for his previous clubs, and for England?

STUART WARDMAN-BROWNE,
LETCHWORTH

Ballie started-off with 41 goals in 116 League games for Blackpool, Stuart; followed by 66 goals in 208 for Everton, and then 45 goals in 177 for Arsenal, before joining Saints in December, 1976.

For England, he scored eight times in 72 full internationals, and twice in eight Under-23 games.

First spot-kick

Who was the first player ever to score with a penalty in a Football League match?

JONATHAN STEELE,
OAKHAM

Joe Heath was the man, Jonathan — he successfully slotted home from the spot for Wolves against Accrington on 14th September, 1891.

The Irish first introduced it the previous season, and our own F.A. adopted the idea in the summer of 1891.

Good year for Chelsea

Could you tell me the birthdates of my three favourite players — Chelsea's Steve Finnieston, Ian Britton, and Gary Locke?

FRANCIS LAITY,
PENZANCE

All were born in 1954, Francis — Finnieston in Edinburgh on 30th November; Britton in Dundee on 10th May; and Locke in Park Royal, London, on 12th July.

Five season leader

How many seasons was the great Jimmy Greaves the First Division's top scorer?

DAVID PARK,
TYNE & WEAR

Five times, David — the first two with Chelsea, and the other three with Spurs. These were Jimmy's totals: 1958-59 — 33; 1960-61 — 41; 1962-63 — 37; 1963-64 — 35; and 1964-65 — 29.

SHORT PASSES

Stoke City's ground now holds approximately 48,000.

(C. DURHAM, Northampton)

Colin Bell played 82 League games (25 goals) for Bury before joining Manchester City in March, 1966.

(PAUL McEWEN, Plymouth)

Hugh Ferguson scored the vital goal when Cardiff beat Arsenal 1-0 in 1927 to become the only non-English club to win the F.A. Cup.

(WAYNE DAVIES, Caerphilly)

The Football League's original 12 clubs in 1888 were: Accrington, Aston Villa, Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley, Derby, Everton, Notts County, Preston, Stoke, West Bromwich, and Wolves.

(DAVID ALSTON, Blackburn)

Stockport's best League season was finishing tenth in Division Two in 1905-06.

(MICHAEL JOYCE, Eire)

Pele's real name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento.

(ERICA PLOWMAN, Eltham)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

the season — and how United deserved their victory!

In an all-action game we dominated the first-half without breaking down Liverpool's stubborn defence.

Then goals from Lou Macari and Sammy McIlroy brought the 60,000 fans to their feet.

United tormented the life out of the side we had robbed of a unique League, F.A. Cup and European Cup treble last term.

Skipper Martin Buchan had a fine match, keeping a close grip on Kenny Dalglish, who until then had

my soccer scene

GORDON

HILL

Lou Macari slips in behind Liverpool's defence to slot home United's first goal at Old Trafford earlier this season.



DYNAMIC DUO'

Tosh and Kev — a formidable partnership.

become the wonderboy of Anfield following a sensational burst of scoring form. Chris McGrath also played well for us.

A similar performance and a result this weekend is what United will be hoping for.

Mind you, our record at Anfield over the past few years hasn't been all that impressive. We haven't won there on our last five League visits.

Last season, on Tuesday May 3rd, a couple of weeks before the Cup Final, a goal from Kevin Keegan was enough to beat United and end the last real hope we had of taking the title.

I thought we were a little unlucky to have come away with nothing. A draw would have been the fairer result on the night.

All good runs must end sometime, though. So I'll stick my neck out for once and forecast a win for United.

Up The Reds . . . the Old Trafford variety, of course.

Gordon Hill



RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, JAN 21

SECOND DIVISION

(Continued)

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Duncan 2)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Went) 29,104
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Lee, Taylor.
 Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Grapes, Giles, Went, Bishop, Buchanan (Thomas).
 Blackburn v Fulham; Stoke v Millwall postponed.

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (1) 5 (Rowland 2, Suddick, McIlwraith 2)
EXETER (0) 0 3,730
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Hatton, Tucker, Bailey, Stanton, Suddick, Rowland, Robins, McIlwraith.
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hatch, Hore, Giles, Saxton, Randell, Kellow, Bowker, Roberts, Holman.

CHESTER (1) 2 (Crossley pen., Edwards 1.)
COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Rowles) 2,855
 Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N), Raynor, Delgado, Storton, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Edwards (I), Jones, Phillips.
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall (Williams), Foley, Dowman, Packer, Dyer, Leslie, Froggatt, Rowles, Allinson.

GILLINGHAM (2) 3 (Price 2, Richardson)
CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Fallon) 10,541
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong (Hughes), Overton, Knight, Crabbe, Nicholl, Weatherly, Price, Westwood, Richardson.
 Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Buckley, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Smith (Cozens), Finney, Biley.

OXFORD (2) 3 (Curran, Foley 2)
BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Grimes) 3,704
 Oxford: Burton; Fogg, Drysdale, Briggs, Clarke, Jeffrey, Taylor, Seacole, Foley, Curran (White), Duncan.
 Bradford C: Downsborough; Watson, Podd, Johnson, Middleton, Fretwell, Grimes, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Hamilton) 4,744
 Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Bason, Foster, Banton, Delve, Megson, Austin, Craven, Rogers (Sutton).
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Carr, McCartney, MacDonald, Lathan, Parker, McVitie, Bonneyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.

SHREWSBURY (0) 0
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Graham) 3,385
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King (Nixon), Leonard, Durban, Hayes, Turner, Irvine, Hornsby, Lindsay, Loughnane, Maguire.
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Neale, Wingington, Cooper, Jones, Hubbard, Harford, Graham (Fleming), Harding.
 Peterborough v Chesterfield, Sheff Wed v Preston, Walsall v Rotherham postponed.

FOURTH DIVISION

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Showers)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Keeley) 2,869
 Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Miller, Riley, Cunningham, Impey, Johnson, Cave, Showers, Lennard (Shanahan), Finnigan.
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Peacock, Oates, Czuczman, Bridges, Heron, Keeley, Lumby, Kilmore, Wigg (Farrell).

GRIMSBY 0
STOCKPORT 0 4,716
 Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Cumming, Liddell, Drinkell (Donovan), Lester, Brolly.
 Stockport: Rogan; Lawler, Rutter, Thompson, Fogarty, Smith, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Massey.

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Butler, Gray)
NEWPORT (0) 0 4,894
 Huddersfield: Starling; Branagan, Sandercock, Holmes, Baines, Sidebottom, Gray, Hart, Butler, Johnson, Mountford.

Newport: Plumley; Byrne, Aizelwood, Walker (S), Walker (R), Jones, Guscott (Preece), Clark, Goddard, Relish, Williams.

WIMBLEDON (0) 0
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Green) 2,300
 Wimbledon: Guy; Bithell, Eames, Donaldson, Bryant, Bassett, Galliers (Tilley), Denny, Summerill, Parson, Leslie.
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Darke, Dunne, Green, Tomlin, Boulton, Coffill, Brown, Raper.

YORK (0) 0
WATFORD (2) 4 (Blissett, Mayes 3) 3,831
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Novacki (Hope), Hunter, Randall, Staniforth, McDonald.
 Watford: Rankin; Geidmintis, Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Joslyn, Mayes, Blissett, Pollard.

Barnsley v Swansea, Crewe v Southend, Darlington v Rochdale, Doncaster v Aldershot, Northampton v Halifax, Reading v Brentford postponed.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Aberdeen v Partick, Celtic v Clydebank, Dundee U v Motherwell, Hibs v St Mirren, Rangers v Ayr postponed.

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

LEAGUE CUP

(Quarter-Final replay)

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Brady)
MAN. CITY (0) 0 57,748
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Matthews (Hudson), Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Barnes (Channon), Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.

FOURTH DIVISION

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Cochrane)
ROCHDALE (0) 0 1,578
 Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Lyons, Jones, Seal, Wann.
 Rochdale: Slack; Boslem, O'Loughlin (Oliver), Morrin, Scott, Bannon, Owen, Scaife, Melledew, Esser, Hoy.



Manchester City travelled down to the capital for their League Cup replay against Arsenal. Liam Brady broke the deadlock when he netted for The Gunners from the penalty-spot.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER 0
TRANMERE 0 4,465
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Rowles, Allinson, Garwood (Dyer).
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Cliff, Brownbill, Moore, Tynan, Allen.

FOURTH DIVISION

SOUTHEND (3) 5 (Fell, Abbott, Morris 2, Laverick)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Riley) 4,865
 Southend: Horn; Banks, Yates, Laverick, Hadley, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Abbott, Fell.
 Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Miller, Cunningham, Benson, Cave, Johnson, Showers, Finnigan, Shanahan, Riley.

STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Massey, Rutter)
YORK (0) 0 4,558
 Stockport: Rogan; Smith, Rutter, Thompson, Loadwick, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Fletcher, Massey.
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, James, Novacki (Hope), Hunter, Randall, McDonald, Staniforth.

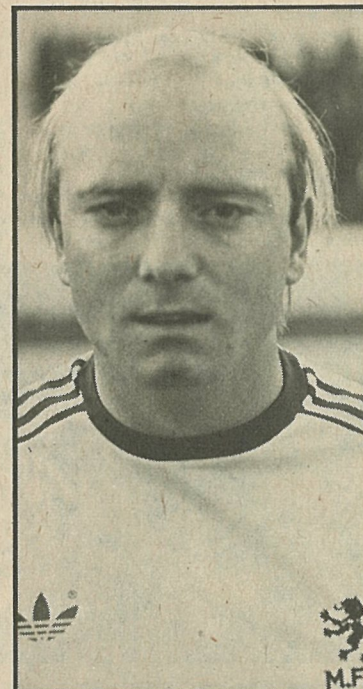
SATURDAY, JAN. 28

F.A. CUP (Fourth Round)

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Sunderland, Macdonald)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Hibbitt) 49,373
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Macdonald, Hudson, Rix.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer (Patching), Par-kin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Daly.

BRISTOL R (1) 2 (Randall 2)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 26,574
 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Barry, Pullis, Gould, Staniforth, Randall.
 Southampton: Turner; Waldron, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Coak (Neville).

IPSWICH (2) 4 (Viljoen 2, 1 pen, Mariner, Talbot)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Downing) 24,207



David Armstrong played a vital part in Middlesbrough's 3-2 home win v. Everton.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley (Wark), Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Lambert, Viljoen, Mariner, Turner, Woods.
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Downing, Ginn, Ayre, Smith (G), Creamer, McMordie (Linacre), Newton, Poskett, Bielby.

MAN. UTD (0) 1 (Coppell)
W.B.A. (0) 1 (Johnston) 57,056
 Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Houston, Buchan, Coppell, Jordan, Pearson, Macari, Hill.
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robson, Martin, Brown (A), Regis, Treweek, Johnston.

MIDDLESBROUGH (2) 3 (Mahoney, Mills 2)
EVERTON (0) 2 (Telfer, Lyons) 33,692
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Mills, Cummins, Ashcroft, Johnson, Armstrong.
 Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Kenyon (McKenzie), Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Telfer, Pearson.

NEWCASTLE (0) 2 (Bird, Blackhall)
WREXHAM (0) 2 (McNeil 2) 28,425
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Blackhall, Barker, Nat-rass, Bird, Blackley, Barrowclough, Burns, McGhee, Kennedy, Gowing.
 Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Griffiths.

ORIENT (0) 3 (Kitchen 2, Mayo)
BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Metcalfe) 9,547
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoadley, Roeder, Godfrey, Grey, Mayo, Kitchen, Bennett (Payne).
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Wood, Wagstaffe, Parkes, Taylor.

WALSALL (0) 1 (Evans)
LEICESTER (0) 0 17,421
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken (Birch), Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Evans, Dennehy, Bates, Wood, Buckley, King.
 Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Kember, Sims, Webb, Salmons, Kelly, Davies, Weller, Hughes.

WEST HAM (1) 1 (Bonds)
Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Howe) 35,556
 West Ham: Ferguson; McDowell, Lampard, Bonds, Taylor (T), Curbishley, Devonshire, Robson, Cross, Brooking, Hales.
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Abbott, Shanks, Busby, James, Bowles, Givens.
 Postponed: Bolton v Mansfield; Brighton v Notts County; Chelsea v Burnley; Derby v Birmingham; Millwall v Luton; Nottm Forest v Man. City; Stoke v Blyth Spartans.

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Deehan) 29,676
BRISTOL C (0) 0
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Cowans, Craig, Carrodus.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Gillies (Mann), Whitehead.

SECOND DIVISION

CARDIFF (3) 5 (Buchanan 2, 1 pen, Went 2, Bishop)
SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Clarke, Rowell pen) 8,459
 Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Grapes, Giles, Bishop, Went, Buchanan (Sayer).
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Gilbert, Kerr, Clarke, Hindmarsh, Rostron, Elliott, Holden, Lee, Rowell.
 Postponed: C. Palace v Blackpool.

THIRD DIVISION

CAMBRIDGE 0
CHESTER 0 4,542
 Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Buckley, Stringer, Fallon, Howard (Streete), Cozens, Spriggs, Smith, Finney, Biley.
 Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N), Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Edwards (I), Crossley, Phillips (Jeffries)

CHESTERFIELD (2) 3 (Fern 2, Hand o.g.)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 4,351
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarrt, Burton, Hunter, Cottam, O'Neill, Dearden, Cammack, Fern, Green, Chamberlain.
 Portsmouth: Figgins; Roberts, Wilson, Ellis, Denyer, Hand, Piper, Gilchrist, Green, Mellows, Pollock.

EXETER (1) 1 (Kellow)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Hornsby) 3,906
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hatch, Hore, Giles, Saxton (Ingham) Randall, Kellow, Bowker, Roberts, Holman.
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Griffin, Turner, Keary, Lindsay, Irvine, Hornsby, Loughnane, Maguire, Nixon.

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Davey)
PLYMOUTH (2) 3 (Austin, Craven, Megson) 4,737
 Hereford: Mellor; Jefferson (Redrobe), Ritchie, Layton, Marshall, Sheedy, Briley, Barton, Stephens, Davey, Spiring.
 Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Banton, Foster, Delve, Bason, Taylor, Austin, Craven, Megson.

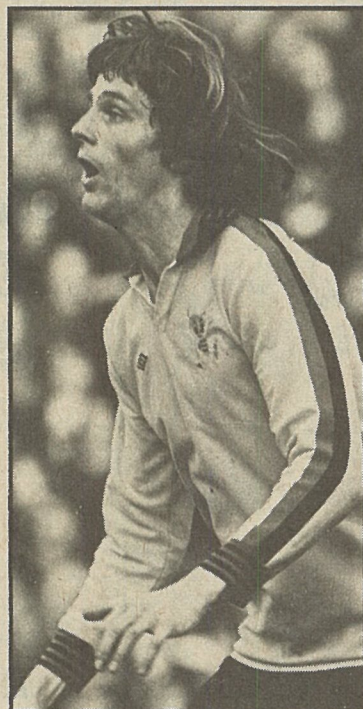
LINCOLN (1) 3 (Cooper, Harford 2)
PORT VALE (0) 0 3,205
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Neale, Wiggington, Cooper, Jones, Hubbard, Harford, Graham, Harding.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Bentley, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Cullerton (Hawkins), Beamish, Bailey.

SHEFF. WED (3) 3 (Wylde 2, Tynan)
BURY (2) 2 (McIlwraith, Tucker) 9,054
 Sheff. W: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Mullen, Cusack, Rushbury, Wylde, Johnson, Tynan, Leman, Porterfield.
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan (Murty), Kennedy, Hatton, Tucker, Bailey, Stanton, Suddick, Rowland, Robins, McIlwraith.
 Postponed: Carlisle v Rotherham.



Dundee United's Paul Sturrock (above left) and Hamilton's Brian Wright in action during their Scottish Cup game.

Ross Jenkins (below) scored one of Watford's six goals in their home win v. Doncaster.



FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (1) 3 (Brodie, Bell 2)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 3 (Butler 3) 4,062
 Aldershot: Johnson; Cahill, Wooler, Dixon, Youlson, Jopling (Hooper), Crosby, Brodie, Bell, Dungworth, McGregor.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Branagan, Gartland, Armstrong, Baines, Sidebottom, Butler, Hart, Mountford, Johnson, Gray.

BRENTFORD (1) 5 (McCulloch, Phillips 2, 1 pen, Graham (W), Sweetzer)
CREWE (1) 1 (Purdie) 6,870
 Brentford: Bond; Salman, Allen, Smith, Kruse, Shrubbs, Graham (J), Sweetzer, Allder, McCulloch (Graham, W.) Phillips.
 Crewe: Crudgington; Roberts, Cheetham, Lugg, Bowles, Bevan, Mullington (Davies, W.), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully.

SWANSEA (0) 1 (James pen.)
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Young, Maitland) 5,402
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bartley, Chappell, James (R), Charles, Moore (G), Moore (K) (Conway).
 Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Young, Maitland, Lyons, Jones, Seal, Wann.

TORQUAY (2) 2 (Twitchin, Raper)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Reilly pen.) 2,448
 Torquay: Lee; Twitchin, Parsons, Darke, Dunne, Green, Tomlin, Boulton, Raper, Brown, Coffill.
 Northampton: Jayes; Tucker, Mead, Best, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, McGowan (Litt), Christie.

WATFORD (3) 6 (Bolton, Downes, Jenkins, Joslyn 2, Garner)
DONCASTER (0) 0 11,738
 Watford: Rankin; Geidmintis (Blissett), Pritchett, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Downes, Joslyn, Jenkins, Mayes, Pollard.
 Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Ormsley, Laidlaw, O'Riordan, Owen, Miller, Jones (Taylor), O'Callaghan, Habbin, Bentley.
 Postponed: Rochdale v Grimsby

SCOTTISH CUP (Third Round)

ARBROATH (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (3) 4 (Marinello 2, 1 pen, O'Rourke, Miller, J.) 4,439
 Arbroath: Lister; Follon, Rylance, Murray (C) (Kydd), Carson, Fettes, Fletcher, Kidd, Bone, Cargill, Yule (Mitchell).
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Miller (P), McVie, Stevens, Mariaello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, Miller (J), McLaren.

BERWICK (0) 2 (Smith I., Laing)
RANGERS (2) 4 (Jackson 2, Johnstone 2) 9,000
 Berwick: Lyle; Bennett, Laing, Smith, McDowall, Barrowman, Smith (I), Wheatley, Jobson, Tait, McLeod.
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

HAMILTON (0) 1 (McManus)
DUNDEE UTD (1) 4 (Hegarty, Addison 2, Payne) 5,000
 Hamilton: Ferguson; Frew, Wright, Failey, Dempsey, McDowell, McManus, Lowe (Gormley), Graham, Young, McGrogan (Alexander).
 Dundee U: McAlpine, Rolland, Kopel, Fleming (Rennie), Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Kirkwood, Bourke (Wallace), Addison.

HIBS (3) 4 (McLeod 2, 1 pen, Duncan, McGhee)
EAST FIFE (0) 0 7,108
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, Bremner, Stewart (Brazil), McNamara, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Duncan, McGhee.
 East Fife: Blair; McIvor, Gillies, Clarke, Methven, Cooper, Morris, Markie, Young, Hegarty, George (Huskie).

MEADOWBANK (1) 2 (Smyth 2)
INVERNESS CALEY (1) 1 (McIntosh R.) 3,004
 Meadowbank: Gray; Jancok (J), Mackenzie, Adair, Wight, Davidson, Hancock (S), O'Rourke, Fotheringham, Downie, Smyth.
 Inverness: MacDonald; Davidson, Paul, Douglas, Summers, Corbett, Penman, Mackay, Urquhart, McIntosh (R), Fyfe.

Q. OF S (1) 2 (Coughlin, McLaren)
MONTROSE (1) 2 (Livingstone, Robb) 1,900
 Q. of S: Ball; Dickson, O'Hara, McLaren, Clark, Boyd, Ferrie (Dempster), Balderstone (McChesney), Bryce, Hood, Coughlin.
 Montrose: Moffat; Barr (Street), Cameron, Markland, Darcy, Hair, Robb, Weir, Livingstone, Lowe, Miller (Walker).
 Postponed: Aberdeen v Ayr; Airdrie v Hearts; Albion v Morton; Celtic v Dundee; Partick v Cowdenbeath; St Johnstone v Brechin; St Mirren v Kilmarnock; Stirling v Clydebank; Vale of Leithen v Queen's Park.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

SCOTTISH CUP (Third Round)

ALLOA (2) 2 (Carberry, Morrison)
DUMBARTON (2) 2 (Whiteford (J), McLeod) 1,424
 Alloa: McNab; McCann, Wallace, McGarry, Liddell, Miller, Donald, Carberry, Russell, Irving, Morrison.
 Dumbarton: Cruickshank; Sinclair, McNeill, McCluskie, Muir, McLeod, Brown, Gallagher, Whiteford (J), Fyfe, Whiteford (D).

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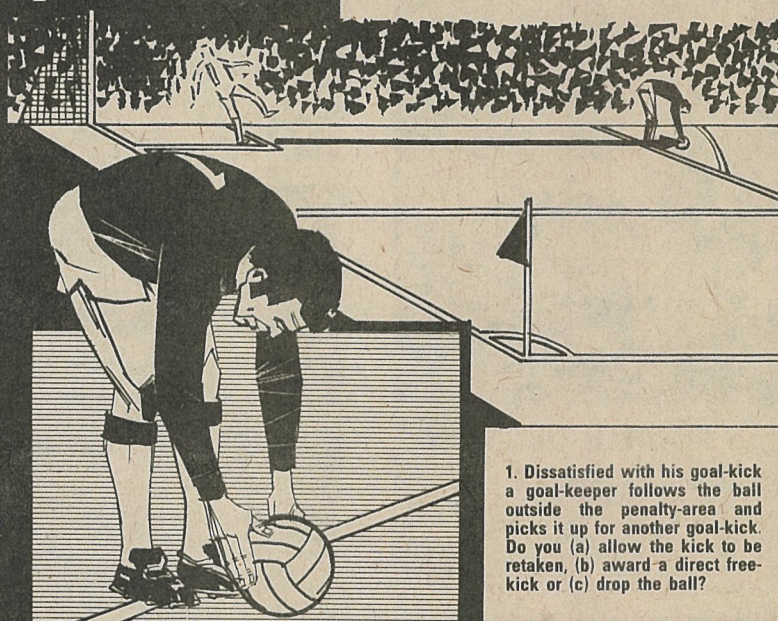
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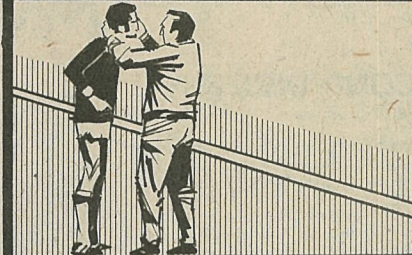
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1. Dissatisfied with his goal-kick a goal-keeper follows the ball outside the penalty-area and picks it up for another goal-kick. Do you (a) allow the kick to be retaken, (b) award a direct free-kick or (c) drop the ball?

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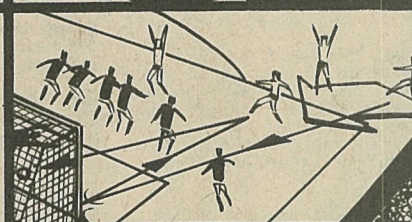
A: A trainer runs on to the field to treat a slightly injured player. You stop play, order him off, and restart with a free-kick where he crossed the touch-line.



B: The free-kick is indirect. You signal this fact by raising your left arm, instead of your right.



C: The ball is kicked, strikes a post and rebounds to the kicker. He scores but you award a free-kick against him. (Where is the problem?)



ANSWERS

1. The 'keeper has handled the ball outside the penalty-area. A direct free-kick must be awarded (b). 2. The problem is in A. Play should be re-started by dropping the ball where it was when play was stopped. In B the indirect free-kick signal may be indicated by either arm. In C the kicker has played the ball twice before another player has touched it.

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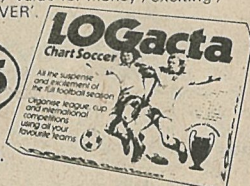
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'Harder to score goals now'

Back after injury, COLIN BELL is ringing the changes again in the Man. City midfield. Here, he talks about the prospects of his team and how the game has changed

WHEN Colin Bell returned to the Manchester City side on Boxing Day, 1977, the Maine Road star had fought a battle for fitness that lasted over two years — he made his comeback as a second-half substitute against Newcastle United and the next day played a full match against Middlesbrough.

Obviously, tremendous determination, courage and application were needed by the former England player to bring about his recovery. But Colin is not the type to dwell on the past.

"My knee knjury is now behind me," he says. "What I'm concerned about is Manchester City and their immediate prospects — for example, I think we still have a chance for the League title, and I don't believe that simply getting a place among the top six clubs is good enough for us."

"Of course, Brian Clough has done a fine job with Nottingham Forest, just as I feel he would do for England or in anything else he tackled, but the Championship race is not over yet."

"Along with Manchester City, Liverpool are a team who impress me as contenders for the top, and rivals to challenge Forest. For the past few years, Liverpool have been the best professional side in England, and cannot be written off."

And if the Anfield club deserve Bell's praise for their ability to do well year after year, it is Colin's sheer consistency as a professional since the Sixties that has made him one of the most respected players in the game.

Joining Bury straight from school, he became their captain at 19, and signed for Manchester City in March, 1966. And in the 12 years that have elapsed since then, Colin has experienced changes on the field and off.

"Football has become a big business these days," reflects Bell. "And on the playing side, much more thought is given to the opposition, to tactics and technique. Also, in the last ten

seasons it's become harder to score goals."

"Here at Maine Road, I've not been in the current team long enough to form an opinion as to how it compares with previous City sides. But it is easy to play alongside a great player such as Asa Hartford."

"And in my time with the club, although I have not had any terrific disappointments, there have been disappointments whenever City have come close to winning honours, then failed."

"This season, in January, I thought it unfortunate we lost to Arsenal in the way we did — by a controversial penalty-kick. After two games with them in the League Cup it was unsatisfactory for us to go out like that."

"But we can make up for that by making a big effort in the League, and the Cup defeat could spur us on. My main ambition is to win as many trophies as possible with City."

During the time when he was a regular midfield choice for England, Colin's impressive stamina earned him a nickname from his colleagues — it was "Nijinsky", after the famous racehorse who possessed tremendous endurance.

As a competitor, an on-form Bell rates with the best. A player who could justly lay claim to being one of the most mobile in England — with a talent for doing things simply and effectively.

And undoubtedly it was Colin's stamina, plus great will-power, which resulted in his ability to overcome the leg injury which seriously threatened his career.

He says: "I have never felt any bad after-effects from the knee since I came back. But the best possible way to reach match-fitness, and keep that way, is by playing as much regular football as possible in competitive games."



Bell (second left) scores his first goal since his comeback. It was against Q.P.R. and City won 2-1 at Maine Road.

Which team do you support? Liverpool, Scotland, Manchester City, Celtic, Rangers, Aston Villa, Arsenal, Blackpool, Bristol City, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Cardiff City, Chelsea, Derby County, Everton, Heart of Midlothian, Stoke City, St Mirren, Sunderland, Partick Thistle, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers? ☐ Show your allegiance! Sport the jerseys the players themselves wear - Umbro International. ☐ Umbro official team jerseys come in each team's correct colours and styles and feature embroidered authentic team badges. ☐ To be absolutely sure you're buying the real thing, look for the Umbro diamond trade mark. It's your guarantee of quality and genuine authenticity. Accept no substitute. Beware of imitations! ☐ As well as jerseys, you can also get team shorts and hose - and for many teams, both home and away strip and team track suits too. ☐ Wear your team's jersey or kit on match day - or every day. Umbro official team jerseys and kit are obtainable from good sports outfitters and club souvenir shops.

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PREVIOUS CLUBS: Preston, Hereford (on loan)
MARRIED: To June
CHILDREN: Ian (3), Scott (9 months)
CAR: Chrysler Alpine S
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pat Jennings
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Preston
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: I wouldn't like him to know
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: When we drew 1-1 against Manchester United a couple of years ago
BIGGEST THRILL: My Coventry debut against Everton
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: None so far
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Canary Islands
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak, duck, my mother-in-law's stew
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing with my two boys, golf
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Injuries, shopping with my wife
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Any comedies, particularly Rising Damp
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BEST FRIEND: I have quite a few
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: No one person in particular
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INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Scottish professional youth — nine caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for Scotland and win something with Coventry
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Struggling
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Gillian Duxbury of Sun Page Three fame — or comedian Billy Connolly

Jim Blyth

SHOOT!

'NO FAVOURITES WITH JOCK STEIN'

THEY call the manager's chair the hottest seat in football. Bosses come and go with the regularity of the days of the week . . . but some managers will live for ever.

I only draw this to your attention because I have noticed there is a guy called Clough trying to make a name for himself South of the border. And not a bad job he is doing either.

Joking apart, Cloughie, who was for so long the Englishman most Scots fans loved to hate, has proved once and for all that when it comes to talent at the old managership game, he just oozes the stuff.

The cynics called it a fluke when he picked up Derby County, dusted them down and took them to the First Division Championship. They said he was just a big mouth. They said the same about Muhammad Ali.

He doesn't say so much now does Cloughie, but if actions speak louder than words, then he is screaming at the top of his voice.

And for a bloke who was supposed to be a Scot-baiter he is mighty proud of Messrs Robertson, Gemmill, Burns and McGovern who have helped BC transform Nottingham Forest from Second Division also-rans to the best team in England.

When they finally write the complete story of football Jock Stein's name will be in there in the chapters that count.

Forget the European Cup Finals, the nine-in-a-row Championships, the trebles, the Hampden appearances. When our manager opens his mouth to talk football, common sense comes out.

Brian Clough was outspoken — and admittedly could afford to be — but Jock Stein takes a completely different approach . . . and gets the same results.

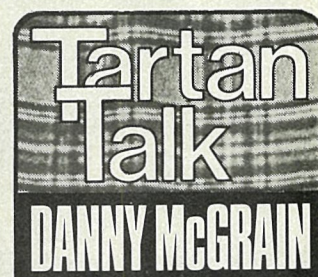
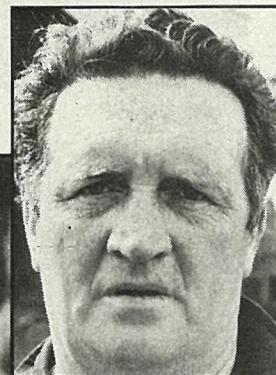
It is all very well saying Brian Clough worked his magic with "unfashionable" clubs while Mr Stein had the power of Celtic at his disposal, but apart from anything else, he took Dunfermline to a Scottish Cup win and made Hibs a power again in Scotland.

Jock Stein knows players. He knows how to handle each individual and squeeze the very best from them.

I always remember when I made my debut in the Celts' first team I was stepping in beside players like Billy McNeill and Jimmy Johnstone . . . stars so big it was just untrue.

I was overwhelmed, but in the dressing-room the boss treated me as one of them and gave them as much stick as anyone else. Players were just players to him. No big names. No favourites.

Another one of my favourite managers was just like that. For all that has been said about Don Revie and



Before taking over at Celtic, Jock Stein (left) led Dunfermline to a Scottish Cup success.

Strangely enough, perhaps, I think being an international boss is an easier task than managing a club outfit. Nevertheless I still rate Willie Ormond as one of my favourites.

He picked me out of the blue and I hope I proved him right. Willie took some stick in his years as Scotland boss, but he stood by his players and he left Ally MacLeod with one of the best Scottish squads.

Ally in turn, is another man who has proved himself at club level, and looks as if he might be about to do a turn for Scotland, too.

Other bosses I rate? Mike Smith of Wales is another man who has done a wonderful job and my last selection may raise a few eyebrows . . . Sir Alf Ramsey.

Ramsey's Robots they called them, but make no mistake in 1966 England WERE the best team in the world. It is all very well saying they played all their games at Wembley to win the World Cup, but if Scotland played all our games at Hampden would we win the trophy?

See you in two weeks . . .

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN TALK BY RANGERS' SKIPPER JOHN GREIG

his departure to the sand dunes I reckon he was similar to the boss in his style.

They certainly had a great respect for one another and Revie too knew how to handle people, the most important quality of all, in my opinion, for someone who wants to sit in the hot seat.

Revie moulded wee men Bremner and Giles into football greats and just like Clough built up Leeds from a bunch of football nobodies.

I don't really know if I would like to be a manager. I'm not saying no, but it would have to be with a decent club. For example, former Celts Billy McNeill, Tommy Gemmell and Bertie Auld landed on their feet with Aberdeen, Dundee and Partick Thistle respectively.

IN NEXT WEEK'S SHOOT

Features: Strikers comment on their biggest fear: injury + Spurs and Partick Thistle Spotlights + Four Scots reveal their most difficult opponents, grounds + Kazimierz Deyna of Poland fills our World Cup captains spot + Interviews with two managers: Gordon Lee (Everton) and Bill McGarry (Newcastle) + Preview of the England v Italy Under-21 game + Successful 'soccer emigrant' Ray Clarke talks about life with Sparta, Rotterdam + Ipswich skipper Mick Mills on his part in the club's climb from the Second Division to the top rank in the First Division + many other interesting items, including all the regular ones.

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Colour: Kenny Dalglish of Liverpool and Scotland in action on the cover + Spurs and Partick team groups + Focus on Viv Anderson, Nottingham Forest's brilliant full-back + Pin-ups of Sammy McIlroy (Man. U.) and Brian Little (Aston Villa).

EUROPE'S HOT SHOTS

EVERTON'S Bob Latchford and Turlough O'Connor of Bohemians are well in touch with the leaders in the Adidas Golden Shoe goals table.

The list, supplied by Adidas, shows the Argentinian Bianchi of Paris Saint-Germain leading the way with 24 goals in 25 games.

He is followed by two Danes, whose League has finished anyway so they can't improve their tally.

Here are the top First Division goalscorers in Europe, with details of games played/goals scored:

Bianchi (Paris SG)	25/24
Hansen (Odense)	30/23
T. Andersen (KB Copenhagen)	30/21
Lacombe (Lyon)	26/21
Latchford (Everton)	27/21
O'Connor (Bohemians)	21/21
Bjekovic (Nice)	26/21
Paatelainen (Haka)	22/20
Krankl (Rapid Vienna)	22/20
D. Muller (1.FC Cologne)	23/19
G. Muller (Bayern)	23/18

DRAMA, FIGHTS AND RED CARDS IN ARGENTINA CHAMPIONSHIP

INDEPENDIENTE of Buenos Aires won the Argentina National Championship in a stormy two-leg Final which saw sendings-off and some highly controversial refereeing decisions.

There are two "Championships" in Argentina — the Metropolitan and the National; the top teams from the first go through into four groups and the winners of these make up the Semi-Finalists.

The first-leg of the Final was played in Avellaneda, Independiente's home district, and at half-time there was no score.

The second-half, however, produced two disputed penalties, the first when Independiente winger Trossero had the ball brilliantly whipped away from his feet by Talleres' keeper Gibaud.

The ref wasn't impressed and as Trossero stumbled to the ground after losing balance he was awarded a penalty. One-nil.

Five minutes later the whistler evened things up when, after Ludueña "threw" himself into the Independiente area, the ref gave another penalty. One each.

So, all was set for an exciting second-leg in Córdoba, where Talleres play. The original referee, señor Coerrea, was replaced by señor Barreiro — both of whom are on the World Cup list, incidentally.

Independiente took the lead through centre-forward Outes, but in the second-half Talleres equalised through a hotly-disputed penalty awarded for hands.

Talleres then took the lead with a header by Bocanelli — which led Independiente to protest strongly as they claimed the ball was pushed home with a hand!

Photographers swarmed on to the pitch to protect referee Barreiro; after an eight-minute stoppage three Independiente players were sent-off.

Talleres now believed the title was theirs, yet somehow Independiente's eight played better than Talleres's 11. With ten minutes to go Independiente brought on international striker Bertoni (Trevor Cherry's "friend") who had been out for some time through injury.

It was Bertoni who schemed the equaliser for Bochini... which meant Independiente became Champions on the away-goals rule.

The ref of the first game must stand before the A.F.A. Disciplinary Committee for his handling of it and the other official may also be called upon to give his "views".

'I'M NOT A CRUYFF' insists Rensenbrink

IF JOHAN Cruyff sticks by his promise not to play in the World Cup Finals, many people feel sure that Robbie Rensenbrink (below, dark shirt) will emerge as Holland's inspiration.

Yet the Anderlecht winger doesn't like all the talk that he may take over from Cruyff.

He says: "I can't take Cruyff's place in Argentina. I know some of the Press and even some of my Holland team-mates have said I'm the man to adopt Johan's role in the national team, but they'd better look for someone else.

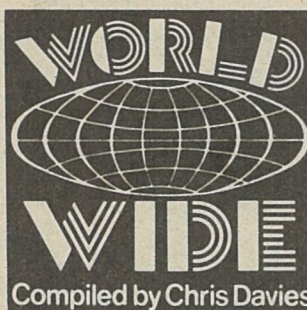
"Cruyff and I have totally different personalities both on and off the field. I'm not an aggressive player. Sometimes I can't get into a game.

"I can't harass opposing players off the ball. I'm not a hard tackler. I'm just an out-and-out attacker. If you try to make me play a role I'm not used to, I know I'll fail.

"I think sometimes I play as well as Johan Cruyff in my attacking role, but I'm not the complete player he is, and it isn't really fair to compare us.

"Even without Cruyff, Holland will be fighting it out with Brazil, Argentina and West Germany in the World Cup — but not with me playing in Johan's position."

It's only fair to add the 31-year-old winger is renowned for his pessimism!



MOVE — AT THE DOUBLE

HANSI MULLER of newly-promoted Stuttgart is a possibility for West Germany's World Cup squad. He had a setback recently when he was called up for Army service and stationed in Essen, over 200 miles from Stuttgart. This, obviously, interfered with his training, so Helmut Schoen had a word with the authorities and Müller has been "regrouped" in Stuttgart.

"It's only fair to give the boy a fair chance of playing in Argentina," said Schoen.

SOCCKER COMEBACK FOR CRICKET ACE?

JEFF THOMSON, the Australian fast bowler banned from soccer for life, wants to make a comeback in the game.

Tommo, 26, was suspended in July, 1972, for allegedly punching a referee during the New South Wales Protestant Churches competition.

He would like to have his ban lifted so he could play for Trident in the Queensland Second Division.

The cricket superstar's plea was turned down, but now he may appeal against the decision.

However, there is no precedent for such a suspension being lifted, and an additional problem is that the Churches are not affiliated to Australian Soccer Federation.

REAL Madrid and Spain left-back Camacho recently gave a two-hour solo performance as the star of a film. He was in the operating theatre at the time, undergoing a complicated ligament operation. And the man who shot the film of the entire operation was Real Madrid and Spain captain, Pirri, studying medicine at Madrid University.

ATLETICO Madrid and Spain striker Ruben Cano was sent-off at half-time during his side's away game against Valencia... for pulling an opponent's hair on the way to the dressing-rooms!



MILJAN Miljanic, who led Yugoslavia to the World Cup Finals in 1974, takes over the national team again on 1st August. He is the 21st manager of Yugoslavia since World War Two.

The Shah of Iran has decided to go with his team to Argentina.

Günter Netzer (recently appointed general-manager of Hamburger SV) played in Leon against Mexico for his old club Grasshoppers of Zurich. Beaten 8-0, Netzer was apparently very impressed by Mexican left-winger, 19-years-old Hugo Sanchez who scored four goals.

The Czech F.A. have had referee problems for years and at last it appears they are doing something about them. Two officials have been suspended for six League games; one referee for four games, and three whistlers for two games, all for allegedly failing to control games properly.

Nacional of Montevideo have won the Uruguayan League for the 21st time, finishing a point ahead of their traditional rivals Peñarol.

No specific details are given, but the financial manager of Hamburger SV reckons Kevin Keegan's eight-match suspension will cost them about £110,000.



'I'm the greatest!'

WATCH out, Scotland! In the World Cup you'll be up against Peru right-winger Munante, rated as "the best right-winger in the world"... by himself!

"The only others in my class," claims Munante, "are Argentina's Houseman and Spain's Juanito."

To be fair, Munante isn't Munante's only fan. His Mexican club, Universidad de Mexico, value him at £515,000.

Fachada, the reserve goalkeeper of Liverpool's European Cup opponents Benfica, is... a wrestling Champion!

HOLLAND won by 1-0 a dreadful game against a team selected from foreign players in the Dutch League. Eight thousand fans saw the game in Alkmaar and the strange-looking Holland side (minus Cruyff, Neeskens, van Hanegem and Rensenbrink) never showed anything like the form of which they are capable.

The "foreign" line-up included quite a few British stars... Nick Deacy, Terry Lees, John Webb, Clyde Best and Ray

Clarke, plus other European players.

Webb remarked "The only thing that impressed me was the mink coat of Holland coach Ernst Happel."

Another — "If we had trained together we could have beaten Holland."

But, as we know, Holland can play breathtaking football... when it suits them.

Holland were unbeaten during 1977.

DISAPPOINTING DUTCH

SHOOT: Few people were expecting Tunisia to be in Argentina. Are your own fans surprised?

ATTOUGA: Of course; Everyone here is amazed we're going, but we have a team who will be able to compete over there. Our present side is the best Tunisia has ever had.

SHOOT: What is the secret of your success?

ATTOUGA: We're one big family! The team has been together for around two years ... we've trained regularly and we're learning all the time. I'd say being together so much is the main reason for our rise.

SHOOT: How many ties did you have to play to reach Argentina?

ATTOUGA: Twelve.

SHOOT: Which were the hardest?

ATTOUGA: Those against



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Attouga Tunisia



Morocco, Algeria and Nigeria ... the best teams in Africa.

SHOOT: Outside of Africa, the Tunisia team is virtually unknown. Can you tell us a little about yourself for a start?

ATTOUGA: I'm 32, a goalkeeper, and I play for C.A. I have 175 caps.

SHOOT: ... 175!?

ATTOUGA: ... yes, 175. I've been in the national team since 1962.

SHOOT: What about your manager?

ATTOUGA: He's Chetali, 39-years-old, a Tunisian who studied in West Germany, which has influenced his tactical thinking. He's definitely the best man for the job. I think he's the only coach in Africa who was born in the country of which he's in charge. All the other coaches are Europeans, mostly from Yugoslavia or Rumania.

account of ourselves in Argentina. This is where Zaire fell down. Their opponents took them by surprise. We're lucky in that we're so close to Europe ... two hours by plane to France, one hour to Italy. We also receive Italian television so we can study European football. I'm sure Tunisia will do better than Zaire.

SHOOT: To all intents and purposes Tunisia have no chance in the Finals. What do you hope to achieve in Argentina?

ATTOUGA: No, we shan't win the World Cup! We're going to have a good trip ... by that I mean we're going to do better than most people expect. The other teams are stronger than us, that's obvious. It's important to us we're there — that's all.

SHOOT: The difference between European soccer and that of South America is well-known. How would you describe the African style?

'TUNISIA

SHOOT: And your star players?

ATTOUGA: Well, football is essentially a team effort, but midfielder Tarak is possibly the best player in Africa. Centre-forward Akid is big and brave, good in the air, while Temime on the wing is fast with good technique.

SHOOT: In 1974 Zaire were badly exposed and scored no goals while conceding 14 in their three ties. Can Tunisia fare any better?

ATTOUGA: Now we've qualified, we must make suitable preparations, playing against top teams. With this type of preparation behind us we can give a good



LEFT ... The experienced skipper of Tunisia, goalkeeper Attouga.

BELOW: The Tunisia side that beat Egypt. Back row: Gasmi, Agrebi, Kaabi, Temime, Dhoub, Attouga. Front row: Tarak, Kamel, Akid, Ghoummidh and Limam.

RIGHT ... Tunisia defeated Egypt 4-1 in Tunis to earn their place in the Finals. Here's Kaabi in action during that game.



ATTOUGA: It's more like the Brazilian and Argentinian way of play. That is . . . talented players who are not regimented. European team are more organised but we, as Africans, are closer to the South Americans.

SHOOT: Will the conditions in Argentina present a problem to you?

ATTOUGA: We're used to playing on grass, if that's what you're wondering! The time-difference, will be a problem at first and, of course, we're more used to the heat than the Argentinian winter of about 50 degrees.

SHOOT: Have you played against any top countries?

ATTOUGA: We beat Yugoslavia 2-1 and I've also faced Brazil. As I said, we now want to fix in games against strong teams.

SHOOT: Are the Tunisian players professionals?

ATTOUGA: We're all amateurs.

SHOOT: What's your job?

ATTOUGA: I work for Coca Cola.

SHOOT: How many League games do you play each season?

ATTOUGA: Twenty-four. That's one reason we're amateurs. We don't earn enough to be called professionals.

SHOOT: What are your feelings about the huge salaries of most of the World Cup players?

ATTOUGA: At the age of 32 it isn't possible for me to leave Tunisia. If it were, I'd be the first to go abroad. But that's life.

SHOOT: Some teams, such as Italy and Spain, have received incredible bonuses for qualifying. What were you paid?

ATTOUGA: A little.



Winger Temime (28) could be the player to look out for in the Finals.

SHOOT: Are the fans in Tunisia kept up to date with world soccer?

ATTOUGA: Oh yes. We've seen a lot of the qualifying ties on T.V. — and the French football magazines, in particular, keep us in touch with things.

SHOOT: Who is your favourite player?

ATTOUGA: Pele.

SHOOT: Why?

ATTOUGA: He's given so much to the game of football. After Pele, I like Beckenbauer, Cruyff and Banks. Also, Bobby Moore and Bobby Charlton.

SHOOT: Who will win the World Cup?

ATTOUGA: Brazil, Argentina or West Germany. Brazil because the Argentinian temperament is like

PLAY LIKE BRAZIL'



SHOOT: If Tunisia should reach the final stages of the World Cup, what would it mean to your country?

ATTOUGA: Personally, I don't think we will, but you never know in football. If we're lucky enough to advance, it would mean a great deal to my country.

SHOOT: There are several very good teams who won't be in Argentina. Tunisia will be. Is that fair?

ATTOUGA: No, it isn't fair. I mean, a World Cup without England . . . ! In football, you know, luck plays a big part.

SHOOT: Do you think only the best 16 teams in the world should be in the Finals?

ATTOUGA: England, East Germany and Yugoslavia may be better teams than Tunisia, but football is 25 per cent chance.

SHOOT: Do you think the eliminators should be played on a world wide basis rather than in zones as at present?

ATTOUGA: It's a question of the draw. If it gave us top teams, we'd have to accept it, the same with weak sides. I'd prefer meeting strong countries as this would enable us to assess our football and see where it is going.

theirs. Yes, those two countries stand the best chance of winning. After them, West Germany and Holland.

SHOOT: What about Scotland?

ATTOUGA: No, there are better teams than them in the Finals.

● Interview by Chris Davies.

Next Week
KAZIMIERZ DEYNA
Poland

FOCUS ON TARAK

African Footballer of the Year

FULL NAME: Tarak Dhiab
BIRTHPLACE: Tunis
BIRTHDATE: 15th July, 1954
HEIGHT: 5ft 8in
WEIGHT: 10st 8lb
CLUB: Present — E.S.T. Previous — Ariana
MARRIED: No
CAR: BMW
FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Pele, Cruyff, Keegan
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Bayern Munich
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Farouk of Egypt
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Nigeria 1-0 in Lagos last year
BIGGEST THRILL: Qualifying for the World Cup
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: None yet
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Iran
FAVOURITE FOOD: Couscous, the Tunisian speciality

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Cinema, music
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Like most things
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Films
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Barry White, Sylvia Valtien
FAVOURITE ACTOR: Jean-Paul Belmondo
BEST FRIEND: Team-mate Temime
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Various coaches
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Injury
PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To become a professional with a European club
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Politician
WHICH PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Pele, Muhammad Ali and Egypt's President Sadat



ABOVE . . . Midfield man Ghoummidh. He plays for C.A., is almost 25 and made his Tunisia debut in 1974.

Rangers' ruthless streak

FORFAR'S amazing run to the Semi-Finals of the League Cup will come to an abrupt and shattering end at Hampden on February 27th when they face the might of Rangers.

There is absolutely no way Archie Knox's side will pull off the shock of this or any other season. Rangers are in no mood these days to lose to little sides. They went to Berwick last month and wiped out the 11-year memory of the Shieffield team's incredible 1-0 victory in the Scottish Cup.

Berwick manager Davie Smith, a former Ranger, of course, praised them by saying: "There is a great professionalism about the side at the moment. They are playing extremely well."

Rangers aim to sustain that form and Forfar will be on the receiving end of a pounding at Hampden. There is no doubt, though, Archie Knox's team of battlers will be having a go.

"We won't go out without a fight," says Knox. "Okay, we don't expect miracles, but the lads here are experienced and we aren't

frightened of Rangers."

One man looking forward to the clash is Alex Rae, who hit a glorious hat-trick against Queen of the South in the previous round. Rae knows what it is like to hand out a League Cup sensation to a member of the Old Firm.

He was the skipper of Partick Thistle when they astonished everyone by beating Celtic 4-1 in the Final of the tournament six years ago. Rae would dearly love to make it an Old Firm double.

Henry Hall, too, is another Forfar star well used to battles against the Old Firm. In fact, when he was with Stirling Albion there were rumours Rangers were interested in him.

The Ibrox club were slow off their mark, though, and St. Johnstone stepped in to sign the courageous little midfielder. After a spell with Dundee United he was freed and joined up at Station Park.

"It will be great to be back at Hampden," says Hall. "I enjoyed playing there with St. Johnstone when we faced Celtic in the



It is League Cup Semi-Final week in Scotland. 'The Old Firm' of Rangers and Celtic both meet teams from lower Divisions and the SHOOT forecast is for a Rangers v Celtic Final — again.

Back-to-form Celtic will



HAMPDEN is the setting for one of the most intriguing matches of the season when Champions Celtic meet First Division Hearts in the Semi-Final of the League Cup on March 1st.

It's an action replay of their game last season when they met at the same stage in the tournament. Then Celtic won 2-1 with both goals coming from Kenny Dalglish, who is now, of course, parading his many talents at Liverpool.

The Parkhead men were losing 1-0 at one stage when Hearts skipper Jimmy Brown scored, but he, too, will miss this match after breaking a leg last year. In the same tie Hearts had former Celt Bobby Prentice ordered off for a foul on Johnny Doyle in the second-half.

So, all the ingredients are there for another pulsating clash. Celtic, inconsistent, unpredictable this term, against Willie Ormond's determined Tynecastle outfit who are looking good for promotion.

Celtic roared back to blistering form with a 7-1 walloping over

Hearts' fellow promotion fighters Dundee in a Scottish Cup tie at Parkhead. That win sent shock waves around the Scottish soccer scene. It showed Celtic were getting things together again and the man who is really giving the Parkhead fans something to sing about is the talented George McCluskey.

He hit a glorious hat-trick against the luckless Dens Park men and demoralised them with his jinking runs and lethal finishing. They had been warned well because McCluskey had hammered in another hat-trick against a full-strength Ayr United team in a friendly at Somerset Park nine days earlier.

McCluskey is teaming up well with Tom McAdam, who is beginning to show rare touches of flair allied with 100 per cent work rate. Hearts will have their work cut out keeping these two players silent.

But Celtic, too, will have to watch out for Willie Gibson and Malcolm Robertson. One of the last times Gibson played against The Celts was in a Premier Division game at Tynecastle last season where he blasted three shots past Peter Latchford . . . and still ended up on the losing side!

The Parkhead defence has had several lapses in the middle this season and Gibson could capitalise

LEFT . . . Roy Kay (hoops) of Celtic beats Motherwell's McLaren in a League Cup game at Fir Park.

will K.O. little Forfar



LEFT . . . Gordon Smith (partly hidden by goalpost) scores for Rangers v. Aberdeen in the League Cup earlier this season. **ABOVE . . .** Forfar (plain shirts) in action against Queen of the South.

League Cup Final several years ago.

"We lost 1-0, rather unluckily, I thought, but the atmosphere was great. This is a bonus game, really. At this stage in my career I didn't think I would be going back to Hampden. I wouldn't mind another

trip there soon . . . in the Final!"

Forfar's efforts in reaching this stage must be applauded. They have done superbly under the astute management of Knox, who is an inspiration on the field as well as off.

However, Rangers aren't likely to be sentimental in this meeting. There is a ruthless streak about Jock Wallace's team at the moment and they are unlikely to fail at this hurdle.

When they played Montrose at the same stage in this trophy a

couple of years ago they eased off and almost paid dearly. They were actually losing 1-0 at the interval through a Les Barr penalty-kick, but they came out for the second-half in a more determined mood and proceeded to put five goals into the Montrose net.

That's the sort of devastating form Jock Wallace will be looking for against Forfar. And he is likely to get it.

The Forfar dream could be a nightmare long before the end of this Semi-Final . . .

be too strong for Hearts



ABOVE . . . Hearts' Bobby Prentice scores against Morton but the goal was disallowed.

on anything Jock Stein's rearguard doesn't mop up.

Roddie MacDonald has been one of the most consistent Celts, but he has lacked cover with injury victims Danny McGrain and Pat Stanton still out of the side. Frank

Munro is still settling in, but, on the brighter side for Celtic, they seem to have found a star of the future in full-back Alan Sneddon, signed recently from Larkhall Thistle, a junior side.

Jock Stein is enthusiastic about

the boy's ability. He says: "The boy has come into the first team after just three outings with the reserves and one friendly against Ayr United. He is a good player and he has proved himself."

Sneddon, only 19, was excellent against Dundee and is certainly one for the future. The present, though, is Celtic's main concern and one man who will worry them at Hampden will be outside-left Malcolm Robertson, who always seems to be able to raise his game against Stein's men.

The fast and tricky Robertson can get round the best of defences and Peter Latchford will have to be on his guard all the time. Robertson can make and take goals and it could be a busy night for the Parkhead goalkeeper.

Ray Dunlop, too, will see a lot of the action. He was his side's hero in an earlier tie against Dundee United when he saved two penalty-kicks. Willie Ormond is delighted with his buy from Stenhousemuir and the 'keeper will get many opportunities against Celtic to show his form.

Celtic have reached the last 13 League Cup Finals. It's an amazing run of consistency. They are likely to make it number 14 on the trot, but it could be tight.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S quiz time

1. Ian Purdie (below, left) and Willie McVie enjoy a light-hearted moment during training. For which Scottish club do they play?

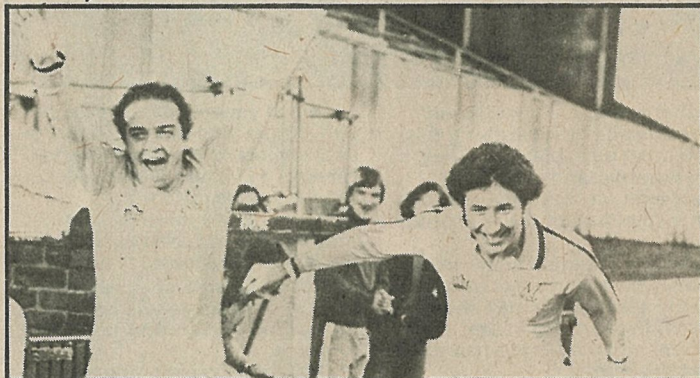
2. A top Belgian club were recently linked with Malcolm Macdonald of Arsenal. Was it Anderlecht, F.C. Bruges or RWD Molenbeek?

3. How many of the 16 ties scheduled for the F.A. Cup Fourth Round on January 28th were postponed due to the weather?

4. Can you name the Leicester City defender who recently went on a month's loan to Derby County?

5. Was it Vince or Ashley Grimes (right) who was recently transferred from Hull City to Scunthorpe United for around £12,000?

6. Another player in the transfer news in January was Chic Bates who moved from Shrewsbury Town to Swindon, Sheff. Wed. or Swansea for an estimated £30,000.



7. Cardiff City have appeared in the last ten, 11 or 12 consecutive Welsh Cup Finals?

8. Which two Scottish clubs would be in opposition if Jim Gallacher saved a penalty from Joe Filippi in a Premier Division clash?

9. Can you name the five countries that have won the World Cup?

10. Walsall's Alan Buckley set up a goalscoring record recently when he scored his side's third goal in a Division Three game against Lincoln City. It made him the only current player in the Football League to score 20 or more in each of the past three, four or five seasons?

ANSWERS:

1. Motherwell, 2. Anderlecht, 3. Seven, 4. Jeff Buckley, 5. Vince, 6. Swindon, 7. 11, 8. Clydebank and Celtic, 9. Uruguay (twice), Italy (twice), West Germany (twice), Brazil (three) and England (once), 10. Five.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) McQueen, (5) Old, (8) Offer, (10) Wiser, (13) To, (14) Technical, (15) Kits, (17) Do, (19) Enrol, (22) Erase, (24) Pat, (25) Is, (26) Pratt, (27) West Ham, (30) If, (32) An, (33) Relax, (34) Or, (35) Stay, (36) Any.

DOWN:— (1) Me, (2) Quick, (3) Event, (4) No, (5) Of, (6) Let, (7) Droy, (9) Flair, (10) We, (11) Shins, (12) Rise, (14) Tide, (16) Elation, (18) Orient, (20) Norman, (21) Opt, (23) Ass, (26) Pal, (27) Was, (28) Try, (29) He, (31) Fry.

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RAPID VIENNA
PARTIZAN BELGRADE
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BRAZIL
PANATHINAIKOS

ALL FIRST DIVISION ENGLISH TEAMS (EXCEPT EVERTON)
GLASGOW RANGERS
CELTIC
ENGLAND
SCOTLAND
LUTON
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AS JANUARY finished this year in a welter of postponed matches, Swindon Town were the second highest scorers at home in the Third Division. But a poor away record, only one victory on opponents' grounds in 12 matches, saw their promotion prospects pegged back.

A consistent late season run could keep them in contention to regain their Second Division place they lost in 1974. In that same year Danny Williams took charge again of the Wiltshire club and he has built up a side that plays attractive football.

Swindon transferred their skilful Northern Ireland international Trevor Anderson to Peterborough United in December, but Town still have four goalscorers who have or will soon reach double figures in League games. They are Chris Kamara, Ray McHale, David Moss and Chris Guthrie.

RECORD VICTORY:

10-1 v Farnham Utd Breweries, F.A. Cup, First Round, November 28th, 1925.

RECORD DEFEAT:

1-10 v Manchester City, F.A. Cup, Fourth Round replay, January 25th, 1930.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:

64 in Division Three, 1968-69.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:

Harry Morris, 47 in Division Three (South), 1926-27.

SWINDON TOWN

PEN-PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes; All records to the end of December, 1977.)

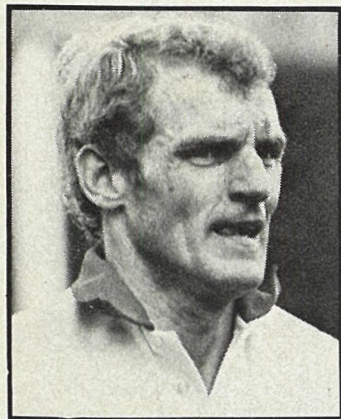
STEVE AIZLEWOOD: Central defender and Welsh Under-23 international signed from Newport County in March, 1976. Born Newport. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.6. L. App:— Newport 191 and 6 sub, Swindon 63. G:— Newport 17, Swindon 5.

JIMMY ALLAN: Goalkeeper signed from Scottish club Brora Rangers as an apprentice and signed professional in July, 1971. Born Inverness. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 137.

CHIC BATES: Striker signed from Shrewsbury Town for £30,000 last month. Born West Bromwich. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— Shrewsbury 156. G:— Shrewsbury 45.

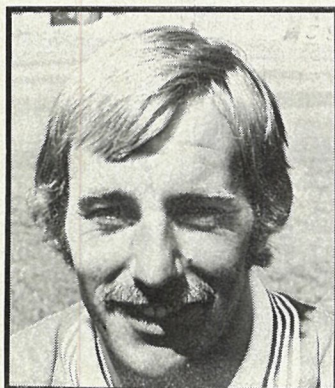
DAVID CUNNINGHAM: Midfielder or striker signed on a free transfer from Southend United in June, 1977. Began his career in Scotland with Brechin City and has also been on loan with Hartlepool United. Born Kirkcaldy. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 9.5. L. App:— Brechin 44 and 5 sub, Southend 56 and 4 sub, Hartlepool (on loan) 10 and 2 sub, Swindon 4 and 1 sub. G:— Brechin 6, Southend 4, Hartlepool (on loan) 1.

ANDREW FORD: Defender signed from Southend United in August, 1977. Born Minehead. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— Southend 135 and 2 sub, Swindon 10 and 3 sub. G:— Southend 3.



JOHN TROLLOPE

RAY McHALE



JOHN GILLIGAN: Striker who has been on loan to Huddersfield and Northampton since signing for Swindon. Born Abingdon. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— Huddersfield (on loan) 1, Northampton (on loan) 5, Swindon 4 and 4 sub. G:— Northampton (on loan) 1.

CHRIS GUTHRIE: Striker signed from Sheffield United in July, 1977. Born Gramlington. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.5. L. App:— Newcastle 3, Southend 107 and 1 sub, Sheffield United 58 and 2 sub, Swindon 18 and 1 sub. G:— Southend 35, Sheffield United 15, Swindon 8.

CHRIS KAMARA: Midfielder signed from Portsmouth in August, 1977. Born Middlesex. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.6. L. App:— Portsmouth 56 and 7 sub, Swindon 19 and 2 sub. G:— Portsmouth 7, Swindon 7.

RUSSELL LEWIS: Defender signed from Welsh League side Everwarm in October, 1976. Born Neath. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— 5.

RAY McHALE: Midfielder signed in September, 1976 from Halifax Town. Born Sheffield. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 12.3. L. App:— Chesterfield 123 and 1 sub, Halifax 86, Swindon 63 and 1 sub. G:— Chesterfield 27, Halifax 21, Swindon 17.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN: Midfielder or defender who cost £25,000 when signed from Colchester United in December, 1973. Born London. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.12. L. App:— Colchester 66, Swindon 159 and 3 sub. G:— Colchester 2, Swindon 7.

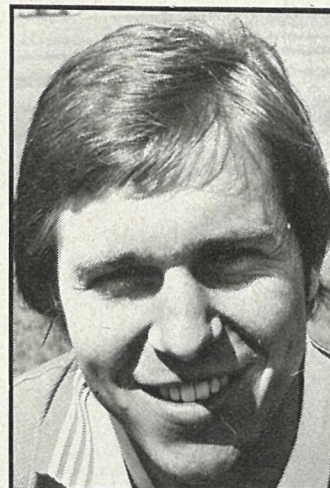
DAVID MOSS: Striker signed from non-League football, with Witney and made his League debut for Town in April, 1972. Born Witney. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 194 and 13 sub. G:— 53.

COLIN PROPHETT: Defender signed from Norwich City in September, 1974. Colin began his career as an amateur with Crewe Alexandra but made his professional debut for Sheffield Wednesday. Born Crewe. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.2. L. App:— Sheffield Wed. 113 and 6 sub, Norwich 34 and 1 sub, Swindon 135 and 2 sub. G:— Sheffield Wed. 7, Swindon 9.

KEVIN ROBERTS: Goalkeeper who made the switch from part-time footballer with Welton Rovers to sign professional for Town in March, 1977. Born Bristol. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.8.

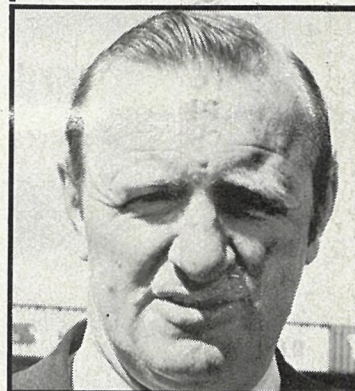
KENNY STROUD: Midfielder who signed professional for Town in 1970. Will be remembered for the spectacular goal he scored in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup against Everton in 1977. Born London. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— 142 and 8 sub. G:— 12.

JOHN TROLLOPE: Defender who signed professional for Swindon in August, 1960. Is within sight of beating the all-time appearance record in the Football League. Born Wroughton. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.13. L. App:— 720 and 1 sub. G:— 22.



KEN STROUD

Swindon manager Danny Williams (below) was a player with Rotherham United for 20 years between 1942 and 1962. He then took over as manager of the Millmoor club for three years before having his first spell as boss of Swindon Town from 1965-69. This was followed by two years as manager with Sheffield United and then from 1971-74 he was in charge of Mansfield Town before returning to Swindon in 1974. As a player Danny helped Rotherham win promotion to Division Two in 1951 and as a manager he led Swindon to their greatest triumph when they beat Arsenal in the 1969 League Cup Final at Wembley. In the same season Swindon won promotion to Division Two.



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GROUND:

County Ground.

SIZE OF PITCH:

114 yards by 72 yards.

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NICKNAME:

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COLOURS:

Red shirts with white trimmings, White shorts, Red socks.

SWINDON TOWN



BACK ROW (left to right): John Trolope, Colin Proppett, Russell Lewis, Jimmy Allan, David Syrett (now Mansfield), Steve Atzlewood, Micky French, Frank Burrows (now Portsmouth).

FRONT ROW: David Cunningham, Ken Stroud, David Moss, John McLaughlin, Howard Goddard (now Newport), Ray McHale.